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Albright proposes NATO, Russia join forces

Associated Press

AP photo

UNITED EFFORTS: NATO Secretary General Javier Solana arrived with U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright at NATO headquarters in Brussels on Tuesday. Albright proposes expanding NATO's alliance to the Russian border by 1999. She will take the idea to Moscow Thursday.

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…ncreasingly finding ways …sia more tightly to the …iance, while denying it …. Albright explained that …ng to include Russia as …sible," but the allies also …d giving Moscow a veto over military actions that membership would provide.

In such instances, she said, "we will act as the alliance" — without Russia's approval.

The foreign ministers did not act on the proposal for a brigade, an idea that originated two years ago in NATO's military headquarters. "We are just beginning to think about it," Secretary-General Javier Solana told reporters.

Albright also called for a meeting in the spring with prospective new NATO members "to give every ally a chance for direct discussion" before the July summit in Madrid.

Turkey has threatened to block NATO expansion if it does not gain membership in the European Union. Albright gave Turkey's bid a push, saying membership in the European Union would be in Turkey's national interest.

Public relations campaign addresses I-15 anxieties

By KRISTEN SONNE
Universe Staff Writer
and
The Associated Press

An Interstate 15 reconstruction information campaign will address Utah residents' concerns about the impending project beginning Monday.

Gov. Mike Leavitt unveiled the public relations campaign in a press conference at UDOT's headquarters in the Calvin Rampton Complex in Taylorsville.

"The reconstruction of the I-15 corridor is the most massive project of its kind ever undertaken in Utah — or in any other state," Leavitt said.

The goal of the campaign is to meet the information needs of state's residents, he said.

The legislature will have to decide where the $400,000 will come from to fund the campaign, said Rose Sherry, assistant public information manager.

"We put the programs together, and it is up to the legislature to figure out how to fund them," she said.

Many programs are being put together for the public relations campaign. One of those is the "Friendly Spirit of Utah's Roads," otherwise known as Satch.

The program is represented by a heart shaped logo, and includes a telephone hotline to help residents cope with the I-15 reconstruction.

Satch appeared in a series of television ads that began Monday to help prepare Utahns for the $1.36 billion project. The construction will affect 17 miles of freeway between Sandy and Salt Lake City. The roads will be torn up, rebuilt and widened from six to 10 lanes.

The idea of the campaign for Satch was around in the 1960s when I-15 was built through the Salt Lake Valley. Satch helped Utahns survive that mess. Among the communications strategies introduced during the press conference was the availability of information on the World Wide Web at www.i15.state.ut.us.

This site is already working. The new heart shaped logo greets internet surfers when the site is contacted. Visitors can choose a variety of information regarding the I-15 reconstruction.

This includes updates, schedules, traffic maintenance, UDOT information and other links related to issues in Utah.

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INTERSTATE 15 RECONSTRUCTION

NEW I-15 LOGO: Utah Department of Transportation's new I-15 campaign aims to help keep the public happy during the state's massive reconstruction project.

Clinton seeks jobs for welfare recipients

Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Clinton received unvarnished opinions about welfare reform Tuesday as he appealed to the nation's churches to provide the jobs needed to make the welfare law he signed a success.

Clinton visited historic Riverside Church in Harlem, which started a program for welfare recipients a month ago at Clinton's suggestion. He spoke with several of the church's 2,000 members, ranging from those on welfare to millionaire magazine publishers.

"This can be done and I need your help to do it," Clinton said. "It is part of all our mission in life to do this anyway."

Clinton was told that the federal government can't expect the private sector to become an automatic safety net for millions of people who lack the skills for long-term employment. He was told that those leaving public assistance need training and education, so they won't always be locked into the most undesirable jobs.

"I've seen the women clean the toilets. It's horrid and it's demeaning," said Nilda Roman, who is part of Riverside's community working group.

Later, the president told the Business Enterprise Trust Awards luncheon that there are thousands of welfare recipients who are eager to work "and a painful number literally don't know the first thing" about holding a job.

"This country will never be what it ought to be if there are people who are literally beyond the message," Clinton said. "I believe we can do better."

Although he spent much of the day talking welfare, Clinton was also raising cash for Democrats at a $1 million dinner before traveling to Boston later Tuesday night.

The president said the problem of creating jobs for those coming off welfare would be eased if one person were hired by each of the 135,000 churches, synagogues and mosques that have more than 200 members.

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AP Photo

I'M LISTENING: Donna Shalala, secretary of health and human resources, President Clinton and Rev. James Forbes, far right, listen to businessman Earl Grave criticize the welfare-to-work law in New York Tuesday. Their discussion focused on the role of congregations in their communities and the welfare-to-work law at the Riverside Church in New York City.

Loss of civil rights may occur as China prepares to move in

By SHAWN DICKERSON
Universe Staff Writer

When Hong Kong returns to Chinese rule July 1, the issue of civil rights for its people has raised questions and criticism.

Businessmen in Hong Kong prepare for the turnover to the Chinese government with a great deal of toleration and cooperation. Perhaps the group most unhappy with the turnover are Hong Kong's intellectuals.

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Already subtle forms of censorship have eluded to a tightening of civil liberties when the Chinese take control of Hong Kong.

Eric Hyer, BYU professor of political science, said the British government took a very laissez-faire attitude toward Hong Kong's peaceful demonstrations and governmental criticism.

"The Chinese won't stand for that," Hyer said.

Hyer said last year a Hong Kong businessman, who ran a newspaper and a chain of clothing stores, printed information that was not favorable to the Chinese government. After the story was printed, the Chinese government revoked the man's business license for one of his clothing stores in Beijing.

Actions like this have sent a message to Hong Kong.

"Some papers have begun to self-censor," Hyer said.

Xiong Zhiyong, dean for academic studies at the Foreign Affairs College in China, said that whereas the British government would allow activities like demonstrations to occur and then deal with them later, the Chinese government makes it policy to deal with those activities before they happen.

Even with the prospective tightening of civil liberties in Hong Kong, however, most citizens of the region do not fear the turnover. "The majority of the Hong Kong Chinese have a sense of pride in the colony being returned to China," Hyer said.

He also said the people of Hong Kong are generally unaccustomed to petitioning the government for more liberal rights anyway. It wasn't until after the civil rights demonstrations in China in 1989 that the Hong Kong Chinese became awakened to the prospect of liberal demonstrations, etc.

The biggest concerns of the people of Hong Kong seem to be maintaining the economic stability of the region and the area's high standard of living.

American Airlines 'sale' misleading

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The strike that didn't quite happen has led to the fare sale that isn't quite what it seems.

There are some good deals to be found in the sale that American Airlines announced Saturday to lure back customers scared-off by a threatened pilots strike. True bargains were available for flights to Europe and the Caribbean, but for flights within the mainland United States, "this sale is an out and out joke," Terry Trippler, editor and publisher of the Airfare Report newsletter, said Tuesday.

The round-trip walk-up fare from New York to Los Angeles was $388 under the sale announced by American. Last week, however, American had a walk-up fare of $398 round-trip.

Trippler said the nation's largest domestic carrier is misleading the public with claims of up to 50 percent off.

"It's a vehicle to generate phone calls," he said. "How many people would pick up the phone if they said, `New York to Los Angeles, $10 off?'"

American Airlines spokesman Tim Smith said the sale is genuine.

"Specials come and specials go, and we make it very clear that it is a discount off the regular 21-day fare," he said.

Sale or no sale, the phones are ringing again at American Airlines after a week of spooked travelers taking their business elsewhere for fear of a strike.

American took more than 2 million phone calls Monday, about seven times the normal volume, Smith said. And of the people calling, the number of customers who bought tickets doubled.

Travel agents also reported heavy volume.

Bonnie Roy, manager of Discount Travel in Arlington, Texas, said the agency has been receiving 150 to 200 calls an hour, compared to the normal volume of 60 to 80 calls.

"Come Monday morning, the first time we flipped on the phones there were 20 calls holding," she said. "People are ready to travel cause they've been so brainwashed into thinking that everything is so cheap."

Margaret Blank, assistant vice president of Garber Travel, a Boston-based agency with 100 outlets nationwide, said her agents have been getting calls from ticket-holders trying to get a better deal.

"Most of them did not," she said.

Smith said the airline still has many seats available at the lower fares, but acknowledged that availability is getting tight to warm destinations like Florida and the Caribbean.

"Some people were able to take advantage of it, but not everybody," Blank said. "You have to be very flexible if you really want to get the fare."

News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Woman dies after falling from cliff

NATURAL BRIDGES NATIONAL MONUMENT — A 48-year-old Utah woman died Monday afternoon when she fell from a 100-foot cliff. She and her husband were taking pictures.

San Juan County Sheriff Mike Lacy identified the woman Tuesday as Christine Alma Cutler, who lived near Monticello, about 25 miles east of the monument in southeast Utah.

Lacy said it's not clear how the accident happened. Mrs. Cutler and her husband, Roger Cutler, were taking pictures of the natural bridges, stone formations left by wind and water erosion.

"She just got too close to the edge and fell off," Lacy said. "She died instantly."

The couple were just off the Sipapu trailhead, Lacy said.

Twenty search and rescue and sheriff's officers took part in recovering Cutler's body Monday evening. They hiked to the bottom of the cliff, and strapped the body into a basket. The basket was lifted from the bottom with the use of a winch on a Humvee vehicle, Lacy said.

Mrs. Cutler is survived by an 18-year-old son, who is in the military, and her husband.

Ford recalls cars in 6 wintry states

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. is recalling about 138,000 cars in six northern states to fix a problem with the engine cooling fan, which can overheat and catch fire in severe winter weather.

The recall affects owners of some 1992-94 Ford Tempos and Mercury Topazes, 1992-95 Ford Tauruses and Mercury Sables, and 1992-94 Lincoln Continentals in Alaska, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Ford said that in blowing, heavy snow, high winds and low temperatures, the engine cooling fan may stall. If either the defroster is turned on or the fan motor is automatically activated, the cooling fan may then overheat and damage the electrical wiring and other engine parts after prolonged idle. In some cases, fire could result.

Food poisoning hits Ukraine kids

KIEV, Ukraine — Seventy-three Ukrainian children being treated in Cuba for illnesses related to the 1986 Chernobyl disaster were hospitalized there for food poisoning, the Ukrainian government said Tuesday.

The government demanded an investigation analyzing food at the sanatorium on Cuba's southern coast where the children were staying.

The children and their five adult chaperones fell ill Monday and remained hospitalized Tuesday, said Oleksandr Akimov at the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry in Kiev. All of the children suffer from ailments doctors have linked to the Chernobyl nuclear accident in northern Ukraine.

The Cuban Embassy in Kiev said it was unaware of the situation.

Death toll disputed in Borneo riots

JAKARTA, Indonesia — An army general said about 300 people were killed in ethnic riots last month in Borneo, contradicting a government claim that the death toll was about 30, an Indonesian newspaper said Tuesday.

An army spokesman, Brig. Gen. Amir Syarifuddin, denied the report, insisting that "only some have died."

The Daily Kompas quoted Maj. Gen. Zacky Anwar Makarim as saying victims of the violence in Kalimantan were from both sides — the indigenous Dayak tribesmen who are Christians and the Muslim Madurese immigrants from East Java.

Makarim, assistant for security affairs to the army chief of staff, rejected news reports suggesting 1,000 people were killed.

"The number of those killed is around 300," the newspaper quoted him as saying.

Syarifuddin said that number was wrong, although he did not specify exactly how many people died. "I will talk with Gen. Makarim about it. I was there myself," he said.

Fighter plane acted correctly, NTSB says

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The fighter jet involved in a close encounter with a Nations Air plane two weeks ago was shadowing the civilian plane even as the airliner maneuvered to avoid the military jet, the National Transportation Safety Board reported Tuesday.

The Nations Air Boeing 727 went into a dive, then a steep climb when its collision alert warned that another plane was too close. The incident occurred off the coast of New Jersey Feb. 5.

The Air National Guard plane approached the airliner to identify it, said Greg Feith, an NTSB investigator. "It was a controlled procedure, it was done in a methodical manner," he said.

> ***"It was a controlled procedure; it was done in a methodical manner."***
>
> *— Greg Feith*
> *NTSB investigator*

"The Nations Air crew responded as they were trained.... They responded properly," Feith added.

Feith said the planes were in no danger of collision; the fighter jet broke away when instructed to leave by a military air traffic controller.

The F-16 approached within 1,000 feet behind the airliner and within 400 feet of its altitude, Feith said.

The incident led to a ban on military training maneuvers along the East Coast. Changes in training were also made to stress the problems of approaching too close to airliners.

That incident and three others Feb. 7, in which civilian and military planes had close encounters, sparked concern about the dangers of the sky.

NTSB chairman Jim Hall said investigators have determined that such incidents are rare, and the three cases Feb. 7 were of only minor concern, with the planes not coming very close to one another.

The Nations Air case, however, merited investigation, he said, and the agency is likely to issue recommendations on military training and communications.

The Nations Air plane was being directed through a military area on the way to New York when two F-16s entered the region.

Feith said the Air National Guard pilots had been advised that there was some traffic in the area but apparently had no details of it.

The lead pilot discovered an unidentified plane on his radar and decided to investigate, flying behind the airliner to identify it, Feith said.

Civilian air traffic controllers in New York reportedly then warned their military counterparts in Virginia that the fighter was too close.

The airliner's collision warning system alerted its crew to the fighter and the plane dived, then climbed to avoid the F-16. The fighter pilot followed, as he is trained to do, Feith said.

When the Navy air traffic controller directed the F-16 to break off, he did so and went back to training, Feith said.

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"The information on the website will be updated throughout the construction for the period of four and half years," Sherry said. "We also have a presentation we will give to companies and organizations throughout construction, which will give background information and a general overview of the I-15 corridor reconstruction."

Depending on the group that requests a speaker, Sherry said she will get a specialist to address the issues concerning the group.

Any group can request a speaker by calling 288-3248. Also, a g… borrow a videotaped version… sentation.

Beginning next week, res… Salt Lake City and Davis C… begin looking for the tape… neighborhood libraries, Sher…

Larry Becknell, vice presi… area manager of Parson, Brin… Quade and Douglas, Inc., wi… students during a Ci… Environmental Engineering … Feb. 20 in 377 CB at 11 a.m.

Other aspects of the inf… campaign include that 1530-… broadcast Highway Adviso… this spring, large electronic s… flash information to travelers.

JOBS *from page 1*

Clinton warned that the steady job growth that the economy has experienced in recent years likely won't last. With the tax credits he has proposed and a willingness on the part of the private sector, finding work for welfare recipients would be "a manageable problem," he said.

Earl Graves, CEO of Black Enterprise magazine, called it "unrealistic and unfair" for Clinton to suggest that businesses "sacrifice profit margins in order to do the government's job." He said lasting jobs for those on welfare can be engendered only with a federal safety net and training for the unskilled.

"The involvement of the private sector ... is not a substitute for government-provided reso… Graves said. "Unlike the… government, we can go out… ness."

Clinton said the federal … ment will not totally with… support from those who le… fare for good. He cited an e… billion he earmarked in h… 1998 budget plan for wel… work efforts, and a plan t… employers to claim a 50 … credit on the first $10,000 o… welfare recipient's annual w… up to two years.

"I don't think it's accurat… this bill destroys the safety … poor people," Clinton said. … be a good thing if we ma… work, but there is no autom… tem for doing it and that's … need your help."

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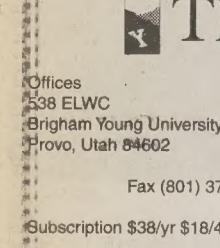

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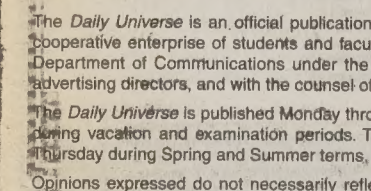

Darren Olson likes this scripture because, "It made me realize .. sin will never make us happy." Olson is a senior from Orem majoring in communications.

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RE TO RUN? Chinese police cordoned off nd the offices of the South Korean con- Beijing Feb. 14. Caught between commu- orth Korea and key trading partner South Korea, China is trying to defuse a diplomatic uproar caused by the defection of a top North Korean official, Hwang Jang Yop, who has taken refuge in South Korea's consulate in Beijing.

Korea may allow defection

Associated Press

— A rare public comment Korea's leader, who uesday that his country has or cowards, became the ignal yet that a high-rank- may be allowed to defect orea.

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defection has heightened the Korean Peninsula and Western efforts to nudge th Korea's tightly closed

s a former tutor of North eader Kim Jong Il, who tatement Tuesday that was orth Korean radio: "As the ry song says, `Cowards, if o go, then go away. We will e red flag of revolution to

dcast, monitored in Tokyo, made no mention of Hwang, but came just one day after North Korea indicated it might accept Hwang's defection.

Kim, who turned 55 on Sunday, rarely comments on current events, aside from addresses to the North Korean military.

North Korea said Monday that if Hwang "sought asylum, it means that he is a renegade and he is dismissed."

It said it has asked China to investigate Hwang's "disappearance."

South Korea took the comments to mean that the North might assent to Hwang's defection if convinced that he fled willingly. The North previously had claimed Hwang, 73, had been kidnapped.

South Korean Foreign Minister Yoo Chong-na said his government would investigate the apparent "big change in North Korea's position."

He said, "If it wants, North Korea can participate in a process to confirm his intention to defect."

Hwang was a member of the North's major decision-making body, the Central Committee, and the South could learn much from his familiarity with the secretive workings of the North's government.

China is caught in an uncomfortable position, caught between its longtime communist ally, North Korea, and an important trading partner, South Korea.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Tang Guoqiang told reporters Tuesday that China hoped the crisis would be resolved "as soon as possible."

Tang did not say how talks on Hwang's case were progressing.

A South Korean Embassy spokesman, Chang Moon Ik, said negotiations had made progress but declined to say when a solution might be reached.

"China is consulting with our side and I believe with North Korea," he said.

Sources in Beijing, speaking on condition of anonymity, said China refused to negotiate with the North Koreans until they made a conciliatory gesture demonstrating their willingness to deal with the issue through diplomatic channels.

Starr quits, but inquiry won't

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr said Tuesday the criminal investigation of President and Mrs. Clinton "is going to go on for some time," indicating the three-year investigation will continue under yet another independent counsel after he leaves.

"We've made very substantial progress and we're very much in the investigative and evaluative stage," Starr said, apparently seeking to dampen speculation that his impending departure ruled out the possibility of action against the Clintons.

In an interview the day after the surprise announcement of his departure this summer, Starr noted that some potential witnesses have not yet come forward.

"The sooner we get the truth, I think the better for everyone," he said.

Starr said Monday that he intends to leave his job as Whitewater independent counsel this summer to take over the Pepperdine University law school. He predicted the panel of federal appellate judges that appointed him would name a successor.

His decision to leave comes as his office is reaching a critical juncture. After securing the cooperation of one of the Clintons' former business partners, Starr planned to sit down with his career staff to evaluate a lengthy memo laying out the evidence involving the Clintons' business dealings.

Some of the president's supporters suggested in the hours after the announcement that the prosecutor's decision to leave meant he had concluded there would be no indictments for either of the Clintons.

But an individual close to the first family said Tuesday the Clintons are resigned to the fact that a new prosecutor — who would be the fourth in the wide-ranging investigation that began in 1993 — will take over from Starr and possibly be the one to decide the final questions.

Starr, too, cautioned against reading too much into his decision. "The investigation is going to go on for some time," he said.

His office also disputed a published report over the weekend that led to further speculation. The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reported the prosecutors had conducted mock trials but could not secure convictions against either the president or first lady.

"We have conducted no such mock trials," Starr's office said in a two-paragraph statement.

Starr said the timing of his departure announcement was "not ideal either personally or professionally." But he said the job offer was "a unique opportunity."

He has been caught in a recent political crossfire, particularly since new details concerning Mrs. Clinton's work as a private attorney emerged last year and led some critics to predict she would be indicted.

The president's supporters attacked him as a Republican partisan who has unnecessarily extended the probe to keep the taint of Whitewater over the Clinton White House. Some called for his removal, even filing complaints at the Justice Department.

More recently, conservative critics have taken him to task for not investigating some aspects more aggressively.

Starr's staff has compiled a memo of several hundred pages summarizing the Whitewater evidence involving Mrs. Clinton and the president.

He and his prosecutors were to have had a meeting to discuss that evidence Jan. 31, but the conference was put off because the memo was being revised.

It is not publicly known whether a new date has been set for an assessment conference — the final step before a decision on whether the evidence warrants seeking an indictment.

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tsin looks stronger ring Arafat meeting

Associated Press

W — A visibly stronger sin reasserted Russia's role ddle East on Tuesday, dis- eace efforts in the region stinian leader Yasser Arafat remlin meeting.

vised greeting, Yeltsin called friend of the Russian peo- the "generally recognized mately elected leader of the n people."

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which has a longstanding hip with the Palestinian quently has expressed inter- aying a larger role in the Middle East peace process.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Arafat described it as "warm and friendly" and said it "even went beyond the protocol."

Arafat invited Yeltsin to Bethlehem to participate in celebrations marking the 2,000th anniversary of Christianity, presidential spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky said.

Arafat also met with Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov and Gennady Seleznyov, speaker of the Duma, the lower house of parliament.

Yeltsin still spends most of his time at a country house outside Moscow. The president's doctors say they expect him to make a full recovery, but no date has been set for his full-time return to the Kremlin.

The Kremlin responded angrily to a Monday newspaper report that the president's wife, Naina, begged him to "think about himself" and retire.

"Nothing like that has been or could have been discussed in the president's family," Yastrzhembsky told reporters. "Naina Iosifovna was distressed and insulted by this article."

Yeltsin's schedule is getting more crowded: He'll meet Friday with visiting Secretary of State Madeleine Albright ahead of a March 20-21 summit with President Clinton.

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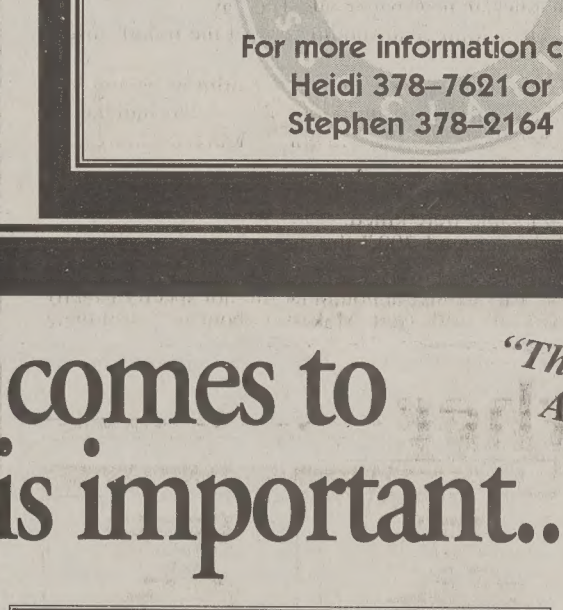

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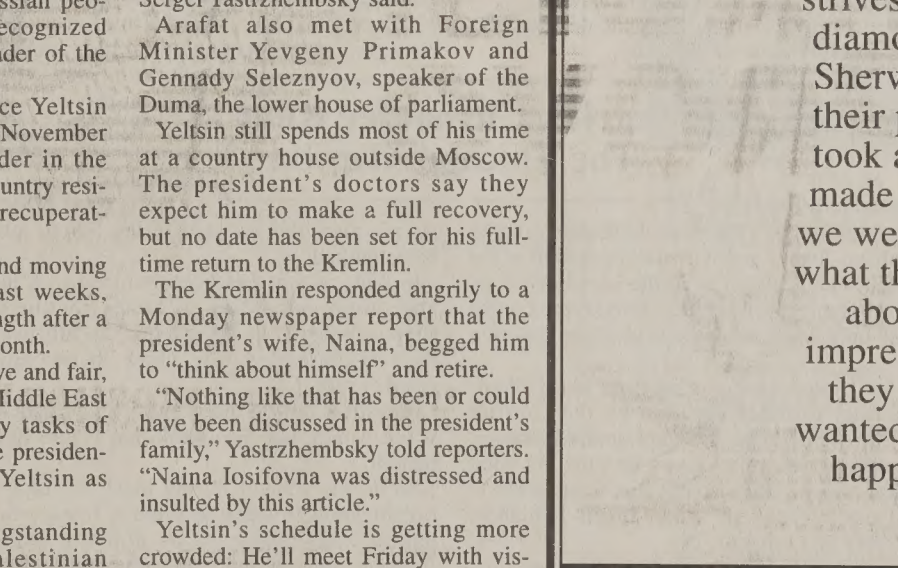

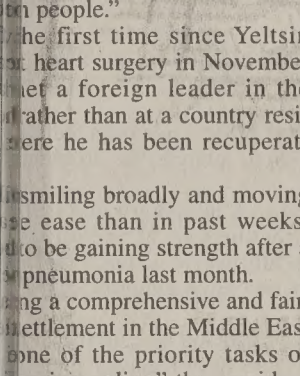

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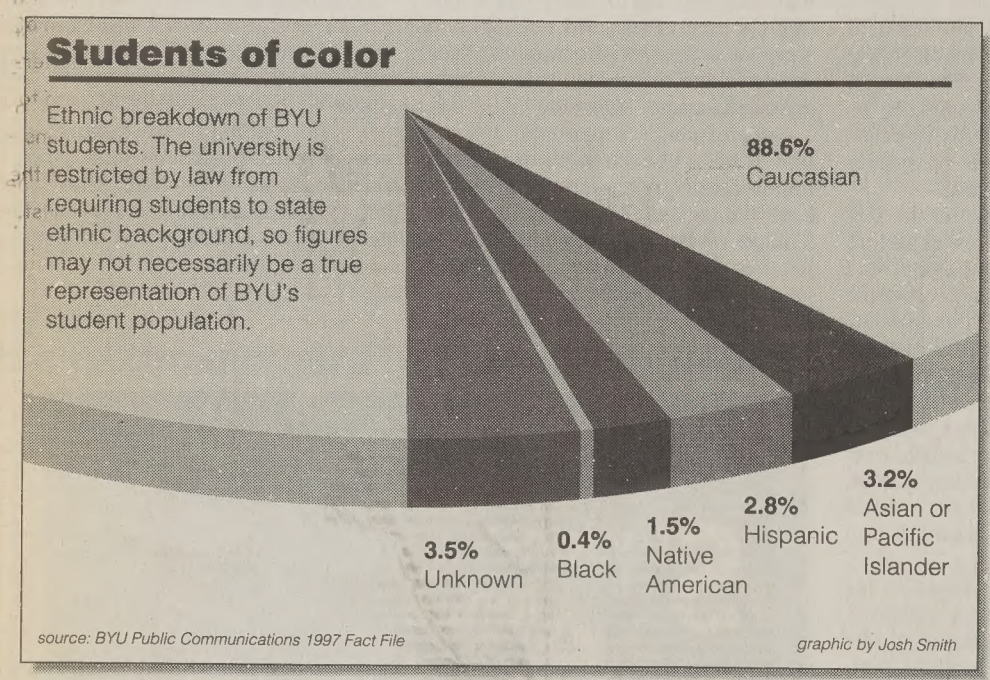
Racial equality: do we practice what we preach

Students of color


Ethnic breakdown of BYU students. The university is restricted by law from requiring students to state ethnic background, so figures may not necessarily be a true representation of BYU's student population.
88.6% Caucasian
3.2% Asian or Pacific Islander
2.8% Hispanic
1.5% Native American
0.4% Black
3.5% Unknown
source: BYU Public Communications 1997 Fact File
graphic by Josh Smith

Not all blacks can play sports

Black students account for 0.4 percent of the population at BYU. The question of why black students come or don't come to BYU is often answered by one generic response: African-Americans come to play sports and foreign blacks are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in their native country and want to come to the church's epicenter — wrong!

Out of the 97 black students that attended BYU during Fall Semester, 17 were on the football team, two were on the women's track team and two on the men's track team.

Only 21 percent of the black students, both foreign and domestic, are on sport teams at BYU.

While the other 79 percent may have never picked up a football or ran in a cross-country meet, they are often greeted with the inevitable question of "What sport do you play?" by a curious white student.

And while some foreign blacks are members of the church, many come to BYU because it is cheap and not because they belong to the LDS church.

Needless to say stereotyping is damaging both for the person who propounds the stereotype and the victim to whom the ignorant label is attached.

Common questions white students and faculty members must divest themselves of include: Directed to the Native American "What reservation do you come from?" To the Hispanic student "Your English is so good, when did you learn it?" or "Which part of Mexico are you from?" To the South African, "Are you racist?"

Tamara Spence
The Daily Universe

Unfortunately, the list of frequently asked questions based on stereotypes is both unending and quite demeaning.

When white Americans go abroad, they often encounter animosity or indifference by the native people because they have been pigeonholed into one category with the rest of America.

In sections of Europe, white Americans are viewed as pompous, extravagant, uncultured oafs. In parts of Africa, white Americans are labeled as being rich, dirty and self-inc

While traveling or studying abroa white BYU students encounter this whip of ignorance. They are judge group they belong to rather than as i als.

One would hazard that upon retu Zion these students would not be so judge minority groups in their own co ties; unfortunately, this is not always th

At BYU, the repercussions of a Jamaican student if they smoke marij an Indian student if their family practi burning, may simply be a sneer or a disgust, but the price of stereotyping higher in the not-so-tolerant real world

Students must be aware that while ig may be bliss — and casually accepted BYU — people who engage in stere others may lose their job, be kicked apartment, be shunned by friends workers, or even be the target of a viol

Students at BYU should practice minority groups with respect and co tion — stereotyping an individual acc es neither of these objectives.

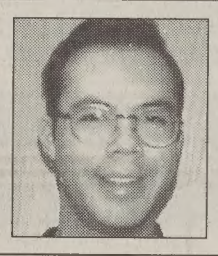
Spence is vice president of the Black Union. She is a senior from New York ing in journalism.

Asian-American students confront unique stereotypes

Not long ago we observed Human Rights Day and, in our usual way, we remembered and reflected upon Martin Luther King's dream of racial harmony. And while there have been great strides towards that goal, we are in many ways still very far away.

What has always impressed me about this man and his dream, was that it wasn't just about equality between blacks and whites. For him, racial harmony meant harmony among all races and peoples. Sometimes we tend to gloss over this and forget the struggles of other minorities in this country.

As an Asian-Canadian, I have had many opportunities to witness these struggles and have seen it in the lives of my Asian-American friends. For many of us, our first year on campus can be a very lonely experience. I remember arriving on campus, attending my first devotional, and coming face-to-face with my first experience with blonde America.



Neil Aitken
Special to The Daily Universe

I felt different, out-of-place, and for the first time uncertain of my cultural identity. Luckily for me, I had some good friends that helped me deal with that crisis. Unfortunately, this is not always the case, and some Asian-Americans feel so uncomfortable they ultimately withdraw from BYU and go home to more familiar surroundings. In many cases these feelings of isolation are compounded by insensitive and unthinking remarks made by fellow students and faculty.

While it generally is quite rare to hear racial slurs used in reference to us, it is not uncommon for us to hear "Your English is very good!" or to be told "You people are always good at math." The stereotypes we commonly encounter are usually the opposite extreme of what many black students are acquainted with. While initially this may seem flattering, this type of stereotyping places undue pressure on us to perform at some superhuman level of achievement. It also creates distance and tension between us and our classmates.

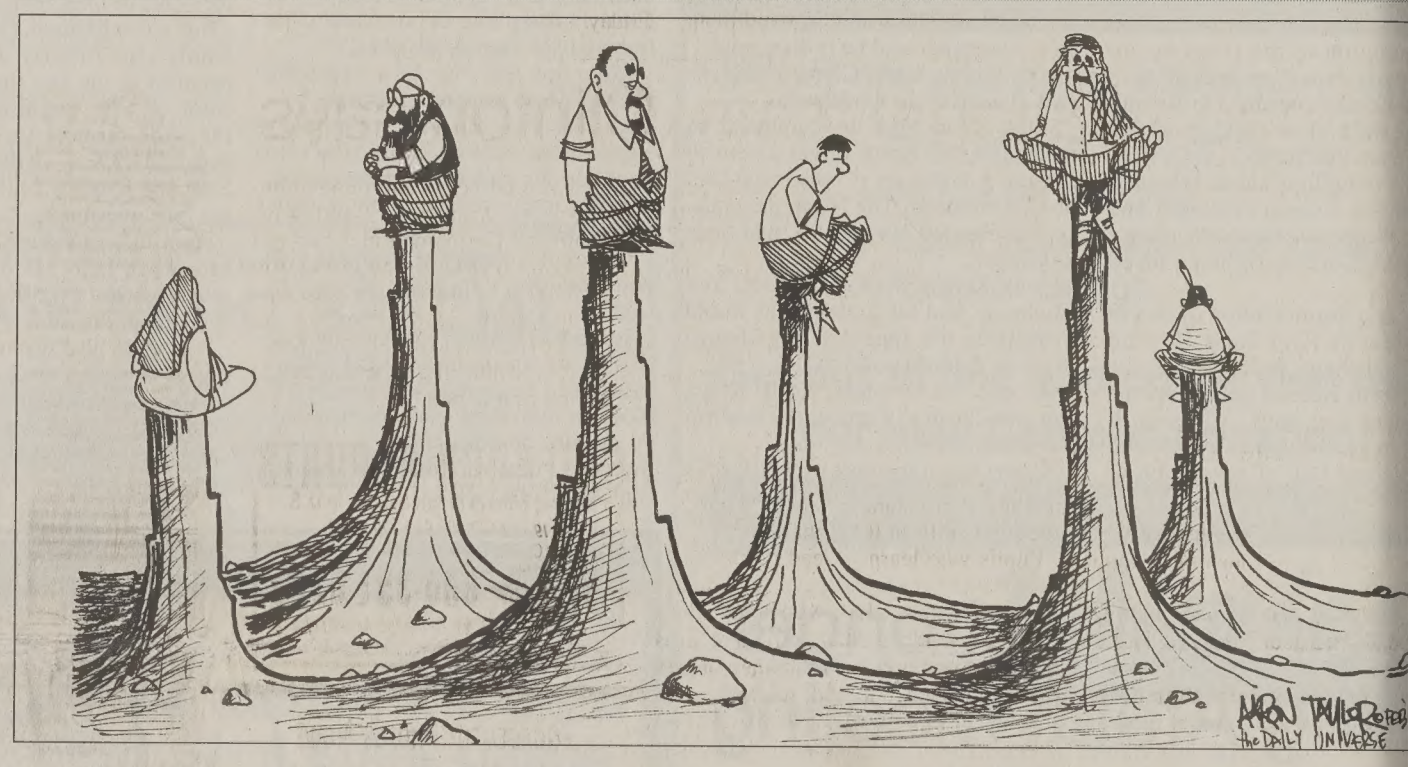
Often, Asian-Americans react by trying to deny their heritage and blend with the surrounding population. Many even wish they were white and normal so they would not have to deal with this type of prejudice. Others, ashamed of having a cultural heritage different from their friends, avoid all association with their parents' culture.

These feelings of antagonism are all characteristic of the initial phase of discovering one's cultural identity. At some point or another, we all have to grapple with the big issues of how to integrate our two cultures into one life. There is no easy solution and no one solution. It is a bridge we have to build before we can cross to the next phase in our lives.

I feel very strongly that there is always room for improvement on both sides. I draw my own heritage from both cultures and am still learning to integrate them. It is not impossible but it does take time. It will also take time for us as a society to abandon the convenience of labels and learn to appreciate one another on an individual basis. Harmony will only come as we learn to see each other as children of the same God. And when we finally realize that we truly are brothers and sisters sharing in this common experience of mortality, only then will we appreciate the different fruits of our cultural diversity.

It is true that we do not live in a perfect world. And it is true that the problems and prejudice facing the Asian-American community and others will not disappear overnight; however, I do look forward with Martin Luther King to a day when a man will no longer be judged by the color of his skin but by the content of his character. I have that dream.

Aitken is the president of the Asian American Association at BYU. He is a junior from Regina, Saskatchewan, majoring in electrical engineering.



Racism an inherent part of American institution

Black History Month. What can I say about the African-American experience? Can it be captured in 28 days? Or in 1100 words for that matter?

No. So I will not use this opportunity to dazzle you with stories about the regal past of the Songhay, Mali, or Zulu empires. I will not capture you with heart-wrenching stories of the gut-cutting, castration, rapes, and murders of tens of millions of black men, women, and children.

In fact, I refuse to rattle off the names of people of African descent who have shaped and had an impact on every facet of your life.

Instead, let Black History Month remind us that racism is permanent, for the history of black people is the history of racism. Racism originated at the birth of this country and remains as virulent as ever.

Patrick Christofer Riley
The Chicago Maroon

Derrick Bell, a former Harvard University Law professor, eloquently explains in his book, "Faces at the Bottom of the Well," that African-Americans have always and will always remain at the bottom of the well — until their advancement is in the best interest of white society. Throughout the African experience in America, the course of freedom proceeded smoothly only when the interest of white America was seen as being in jeopardy.

"The tragedy of [racism] in the United States is that there is no dilemma. White Americans are neither torn nor tortured by the conflict between their devotion to the American creed and their actual behavior. They are upset by the current state of race relations, to be sure, but what troubles them is not that justice is being denied, but that their peace is being shattered and their business interrupted," states Lewis Killian in "The Impossible Revolution?"

Most white Americans believe that they know racism because they have roomed with a black person, seen a black movie, gone to a black club, or belonged to an anti-racist organization. The nature of racism emanates from the very structure of our society itself. Hence, institutional racism or structural racism.

Racism is the privilege one receives because of a certain skin white: the ability to get a loan, to walk into stores without being or followed, to walk on the street without arousing suspicion.

Structural discrimination reveals itself in an examination of th of institutions within this country, and strongly suggests th supremacy has always been an integral and pervasive featu American system. Observe any area of your life and you wil effect of structural discrimination — that critical fact is t emerges in every section of our lives: in health care, crime, emp education, religion, recreational activi even in sex.

White people fail to recognize wh events really represent; how can these be explained?

Yet most white Americans feel that porary measures enacted in the 60s to address the problem o have worked.

In fact, racism has been reduced to a temporary and isolate aberration, according to James Jennings in "The Politics Empowerment." In his response to affirmative action, President himself represents how white liberals have gingerly side-ste issue of race.

Racism is not on the wane. Society benefits by catering to the white Americans who think that blacks have received some un benefit.

So do me a favor during these 28 days: do not look for sor organization to teach you black history through a black song, dance, black slang, or by donning black clothes (kente in Educate yourself and realize that until you are willing to forgo t lege of your race, you are supporting a racist system.

The Chicago Maroon is the student publication of the Univ Chicago.

Readers' Forum

Letters may be submitted at Daily Universe offices, 5th floor ELWC.

True history neglected

Paul Tsosie
Tribe of Many Feathers Club President

I am a Native American student at BYU. I am in my senior year. I liked the cartoon in the Feb. 13 edition of The Daily University. It depicted a Native American reading the Utah history which begins with "Chapter One-Pioneers enter the valley." It said a lot, and I can relate to the message it presented.

I attended school in Salt Lake City. In my Utah history classes, everything we learned began with the pioneers coming west, as if that had been the starting point for Utah's history.

There was nothing about the two main tribes that inhabited this valley — the Utes and the Shoshones.

There needs to be more focus on the Native American history taught in Utah. I get many phone calls from teachers in elementary schools asking me to teach their students about "Indians."

Any teacher can treat this subject fairly by studying books which give the Native American history of Utah and combining it with what is currently being taught.

By doing this, the Native American children of this state won't have to learn Utah history the way the "Indian" in the cartoon learned it.

As citizens of the state of Utah, we should all be interested in the full history of the state, and not one which begins with the settling of the pioneers and leaves out the people who were here long before.

Readers' Forum Guidelines

The Daily Universe invites students, professors and BYU staff to write letters to the editor. Anonymous letters will not be printed. All letters must be typed, double-spaced, and are not to exceed one page.

Name, social security number, and home town must accompany all letters. All letters are subject to editing for length and clarity. Letters must be submitted in person at The Daily Universe offices on the fifth floor of the ELWC, sent by e-mail (letters@du2.byu.edu) or faxed to 378-2959.

The opinion editor, Jon Mano, and the assistant opinion editor, Christina Reynolds, can be reached at 378-7114.

The editorial board meeting for The Daily Universe is held each Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at F-506 in the Harris Fine Arts Center. Topics and viewpoints for the opinion page will be discussed. The meeting is open to everyone.

Is it discrimination or preference?

Discrimination is a very old issue that never will go away. It has been around since the beginning of time. Our nation focuses much energy and time on this problem. Great steps have been taken; however, resolution is still years away, if at all. No matter if it is race, religion, sex, or class, discrimination exists. But we have negated to discuss one aspect of discrimination: why?

During my undergraduate years in public relations, we spent a great deal of time classifying people. Yes, we did the dreadful thing of stereotyping. Why?

Generally people in groups carry certain qualities and ways of thinking that other members of the group have posed. It is evident that most people prefer to carry out their activities in groups of people of their own culture. (I define culture as a mix of race, class, religion and other characteristics that make us different.) People tend to associate with others who share similar characteristics. We see this in our everyday lives.

When you go into the school cafeteria, what is the usual sight? Usually whites are sitting with whites, and blacks are sitting with blacks. There are no longer laws requiring such seating, but it occurs. When most people go out, they most often go out in the same racial groups. Most people spend their personal lives mixing with their same racial group. Is this discrimination, or just the way we prefer it?

Besides race separating us, social class also defines our group. It is not a real common site to see lower class members socializing with upper class members. Is this discrimination, or the way we just prefer it? As they say, "Birds of a feather flock together." For the most part, people like to associate themselves with people of their own culture.

Besides our personal lives, analyzing the business world will tell us the same story. Take,

Daniel Ware
The Daily Mississippian

for instance, the world of advertising. When companies advertise their products, notice their tactics. When car manufacturers advertise, the same group of people are seen in their commercials. They are tailoring messages to the most likely group of buyers. It is the art of stereotyping, and it works.

Also, take notice of clothing industry tactics. Notice the gender, race, and class of people wearing certain clothes. Does this mean the clothing industry is only interested in selling certain clothing to certain people? No, however, the industry is tailoring messages to certain groups of people of the same culture.

A study was done by a West Coast company on enticing Asian Americans to buy its products. The advertising scheme for them was a failure at the time. However, sales improved after it fixed its advertising scheme. Asian Americans in important roles in mercials. As with other cultures, they see their own in the product. So I hav is it discrimination for groups to des own or is it human nature for all t within a certain culture?

No matter how much we want to den ture divides us. It is obvious in every Yet, where do we draw the line betwe ing our own and discrimination? As expression goes: "When in France, act French; in Spain, act the Spanish America who do you act like?" Who We attempt to define mainstream Ame what is mainstream America? If one walk over this country, one would fin places where culture (race, class, religi divides this country. Being the meltin the world has its ups and downs. This i that will remain until the death of this c

As we continue to be a country, dis tion will continue to be a never-endi As the years go by, I can only hope th ent cultures learn to accept one anothe betterment of this nation for this is possible way to erase discriminatio then, all of us are guilty of being more ing to others within our own culture.

The Daily Mississippian is a student tion of the University of Mississippi.

Repairs on Hubble complete

Associated Press

CE CENTER, Houston — .33 weary hours of spacewalk- stronauts completed their tune- the Hubble Space Telescope with some last-minute repairs un-blistered skin Tuesday.

that remained was Hubble's e from space shuttle Discovery Wednesday for three more years interrupted viewing of the cos-

telescope had been anchored to shuttle's cargo bay since day.

ernally, I have to say it's not as beautiful as we left it three ago," Mission Control's Jeffrey uan told the crew of space shut- scovery. "But we all know that is only skin deep and the real f the Hubble are even better because of the great work that ays have done."

onauts Mark Lee and Steven ended the fifth and final space- of the $795 million servicing on with repairs to Hubble's g thermal insulation, the result en years of sun exposure.

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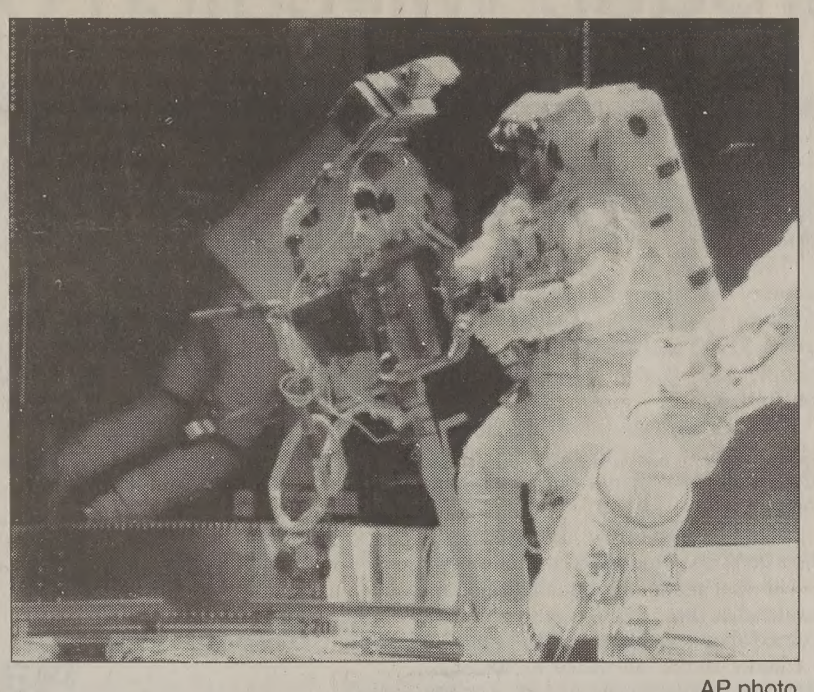

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TECHNICAL TUNE-UP: Discovery astronaut Mark Lee, left, works inside the Hubble Space Telescope as Steve Smith is positioned on the shuttle's robot arm during the first of four spacewalks Friday.

astronauts' next visit in late 1999. Hubble's new orbit is 375 miles to 385 miles high, almost 10 miles higher than before.

"Although it's perhaps slightly premature ... to declare that this is all over and we can go home and drink champagne and that the fat lady has sung, in fact we're very close to that point," said NASA astronomer David Leckrone.

It will be two to three months before NASA knows whether the two new science instruments on the $2 billion telescope are working properly. Scientists hope to look farther back in space and in time with the near-infrared camera and the two-dimensional imaging spectrograph, installed last week.

The astronauts' total time outside: 33 hours, 11 minutes, just two hours shy of the five spacewalks conducted in 1993 to fix Hubble's blurred vision.

"We did more than we set out to do," said NASA's John Campbell, a project director. "I'd say we're 110 percent successful."

The only snag in the mission: a failure in Hubble's power system because of an error by ground controllers. It will just slightly reduce the telescope's extra margin of power, Campbell said.

Discovery's 10-day mission is due to end with a Florida landing early Friday.

City council concerned about new mall name

By TRAVIS MURDOCK
Universe Staff Writer

Provo City Council members passed a resolution expressing concern regarding the proposed name of the new mall in Provo. Developers decided to name the new mall Provo Towne Center.

Members of the Provo City Council and downtown merchants are concerned the mall name will be confused with the historic downtown area of Provo.

"Our effort is to support the downtown merchants. Provo Towne Center doesn't properly describe the location of the mall; the mall isn't downtown," said Mark G. Hathaway, Provo City council member.

"I am not only concerned with the businesses downtown. I am concerned with the citizens and what they want," said Karl J. Thalman, Provo City Council member and downtown business owner.

The mall developers own the right to the name Provo Towne Center and they have decided to use the name, said Mayor George O. Stewart. If citizens object to the name Provo Towne Center, the developer has agreed to use the name Utah County Towne Center.

"Our choice is Provo Towne Center or Utah County Towne Center. It is better to use Provo Towne Center because the name promotes Provo each time it is used in an advertisement. No one knows if the Fashion Place mall is in Sandy or Murray because the mall location isn't in the name," Stewart said.

City Council members who opposed the resolution argued a City Council resolution has no power so it shouldn't be passed.

"I am concerned a resolution sends a strong negative message to the developer that we have no power to enforce," said Gregory Hudnall, Provo City Council member.

Hudnall proposed the city council send the developer a letter outlining the council's concerns regarding the new mall name instead of issuing a resolution.

The council voted four votes to two votes in favor of the resolution to express concern regarding the proposed name of the new mall.

The council also heard a presentation from the Provo City Fire Department on an award from the National Fire Protection Association for their information campaign on fire safety.

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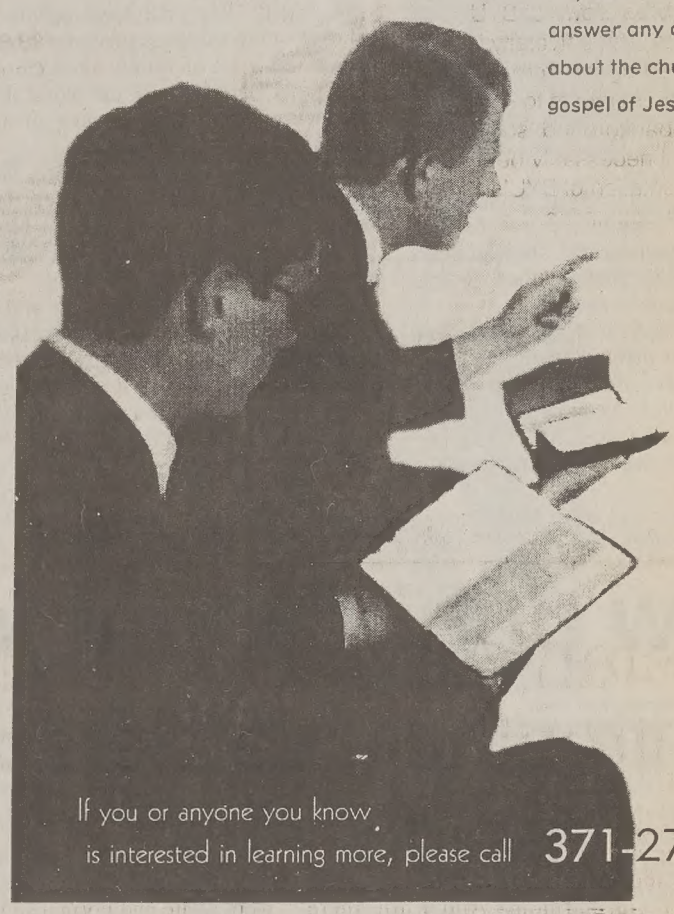

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ds need national tests, Clinton says

Associated Press

HINGTON — If President has his way, millions of chil- ill take national reading and sts in 1999.

ghth grade, they'd have to questions like: If a rubber ball ped from a rooftop 18 feet d rebounds to half the height , what's the distance traveled ime it hits the ground the third

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all, a Republican "education president," George Bush, in 1991 had floated the idea of a standard national test for high-schoolers. It was shelved because of complaints the test would be unfair and expensive and lead to national textbooks.

Governors last March set a two-year deadline for creating goals in each state for what students should be able to know and do, and for testing them.

The administration said the proposed national tests, providing some teeth to those standards, would gauge the right skills at the right time.

Pupils who learn to read by the end of the third grade can read for a lifetime. Eighth-graders who know the basics of math, including some algebra and geometry, can take on tough math and science in high school.

Some failures will occur, if results from previous versions of the tests give any clue.

"This will be a real shock," said Marshall Smith, acting deputy secretary of education.

The government isn't telling anyone what to do about students, schools or districts that fail.

The reading test would be based on the National Assessment of Educational Progress, an Education Department project that has been measuring student achievement since 1969.

Although students weren't scored individually, researchers estimate that four students out of 10 did not reach the basic level when the test was last given in 1994.

What does basic mean?

"Having promised Wilbur that she would save his life, she was determined to keep her promise," begins a paragraph from E.B. White's "Charlotte Web." Students at the basic level are able to say what "she," the spider Charlotte, promised to the pig, Wilbur.

The math test would be based on the Third International Mathematics and Science Study. The last test, in 1996, found that American eighth-graders scored below the international average, though on a par with England and Germany. Americans get less geometry. Courses cover too many subjects, but none very deeply.

A pupil at the international level could correctly answer "45 feet" when asked the question about the bouncing rubber ball.

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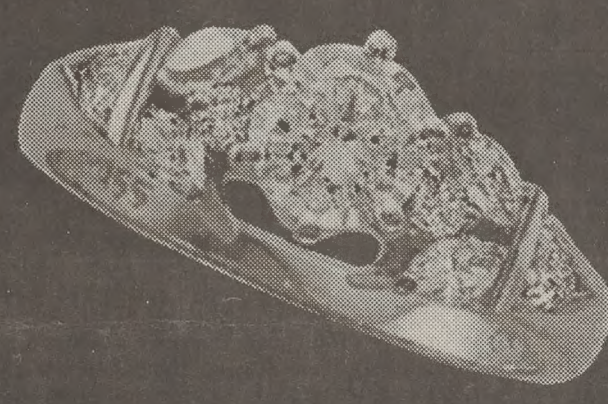

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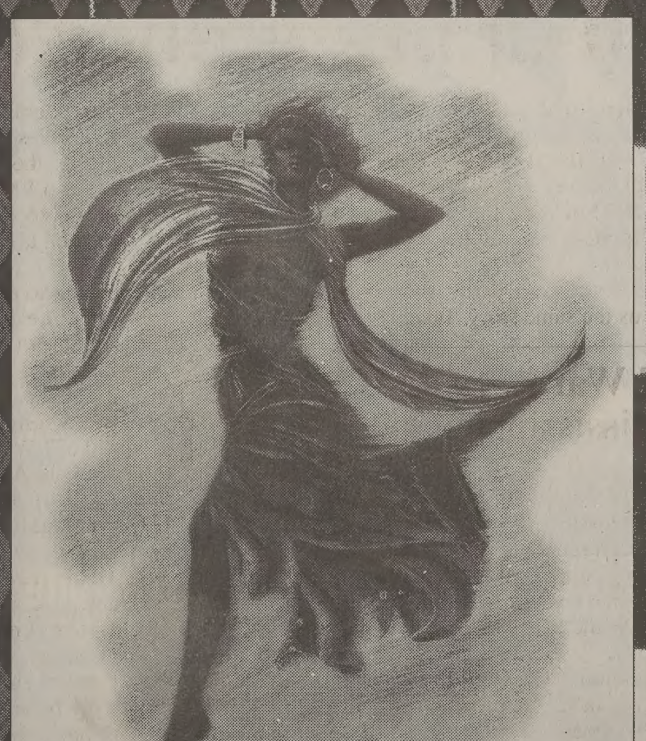

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Experts doubt avalanche airbags will catch on in U.S

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — It's a bright, sunny day after a big storm. You grab your backcountry skis, climb steeply to a ridge and enjoy the exhilaration of carving turns as you descend through soft, deep powder snow.

Then — without warning — the slope beneath you gives way.

Avalanche!

You pull a rip cord on your special backpack. Within two seconds, a bright-orange, nylon air bag pops out of the pack and inflates to a volume of 40 gallons. It looks like you have an oversized pillow on your back.

The avalanche engulfs you. But the air bag gives you buoyancy, preventing you from being buried and suffocated beneath the snow.

A German company is manufacturing air bags designed to save the lives of skiers, snowboarders, snowmobilers and climbers by allowing them to float near the surface of avalanches.

"They do work. I've heard that from a number of different studies," said Bruce Tremper, director of the Forest Service's Utah Avalanche Forecast Center in Salt Lake City. "They do increase your chances of staying on the surface."

But Tremper and other Utah experts doubt the devices now used in Europe will catch on here because of their 4.85-pound weight, their cost of several hundred dollars and the risk of selling them in the sue-happy United States. Utah's major outdoor stores do not carry the air bags and have no plans to do so.

"The chief liability concern is how do you prevent them from going off when you don't want them to, and how do you make them go off when you want them to," Tremper said. "Imagine yourself riding on a chairlift and it accidentally goes off."

He added: "They don't sue people in Europe or anywhere as much (as here). There are a lot of things available in Europe or other parts of the world that can never be sold here because of liability."

In the past month, Back Country and New Scientist magazines have carried articles about the avalanche air bags made by ABS Peter Aschauer GmbH, a company in Grafelfing, Germany.

A person carries the air bag and a replaceable canister of compressed nitrogen gas in a pack snugly attached by shoulder and waist straps and leg loops. Five pack sizes are available, and another model of the air bag can be attached to your own pack. If caught in an avalanche, the person pulls a rip cord and, in only two seconds, the reusable air bag inflates to a volume of almost 40 gallons.

Because bigger objects in an avalanche sift toward the surface, a person with an air bag has a reduced chance of burial — unless swept into a ravine or crevasse.

Tremper said the air bags will not save the third of avalanche victims killed by traumatic injury. The other two-thirds suffocate beneath the snow.

During the past three winters in Utah, 12 people have died in avalanches, including four people who were skiing, three snow campers, three snowmobilers, one snowboarder and an ice climber.

An official of the Swiss Federal Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research told New Scientist, a British magazine, he was aware of 11 skiers in Switzerland who used the air bags when caught in avalanches last season.

All survived, even though two air bags failed to inflate and those skiers had to be dug out. Of the nine skiers whose bags inflated, six either were not buried or were partly buried, and the three others were buried, but close enough to the surface that the bags were visible and aided immediate rescue.

The Swiss institute also performed tests showing the air bags' effectiveness by placing dummies with and without air-bag packs side by side, then triggering avalanches.

Neither New Scientist nor Back Country specified the price of the air bags, except the latter said they cost as much as a high-quality mountain bike, which means at least several hundred dollars.

"Most people who go into the backcountry balk at buying (signal-emitting location) beacons because they cost about $200," said Tremper, who doubts people will want to spend even more on air bags.

Tremper also doubts backcountry skiers would want to carry anything that adds more than a pound to their load.

"Most backcountry skiers, snowboarders, snowmobilers and climbers — all four groups get equally killed in avalanches these days — are very concerned about extra weight," he said.

Charlie Butler, an owner of Wasatch Touring in Salt Lake City, shares the skepticism.

"The backcountry ski community is kind of a traditional community," he said. "They are slow on the uptake for new things. It's almost an image kind of thing. The price would have to come down, and some respected professionals would have to endorse them or start using them."

Dave Smith of the Nordic ski department at Salt Lake County's REI outdoor store said he would not be interested in avalanche air bags until they weigh under 2 pounds and cost less than $200. He also fears the air bags may induce a false sense of security among novice skiers.

"Maybe having this product will make you take more chances," Smith said. "It's human nature."

Dennis Maw, retail manager at Kirkham's Outdoor Products in South Salt Lake, said he has no plans to sell the air bags "given the current state of the technology." He expects any demand for air bags would come from novices, not experienced skiers.

"Every once in a while we'll folks who are — for lack of a b word — somewhat nuts," Maw "Rather than learning about snow ditions, terrain and basic avalanche snow-stability skills, they'd rather a save-all device and think they invincible."

Tremper said every time he gi speech about avalanches, "every wants to know the same thing: Wh I do if I get caught in an avalanche

"My answer is usually, `It's too You are missing the point. The id to stay out of avalanches, not to f out what to do after you get caught

New punishment for wayward skiers

Associated Press

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — Ski areas across the state are cracking down on out-of-bounds skiers, but Loveland outdoes them all with a choice of going to jail or being buried during an avalanche rescue drill.

"The sheriff talks to most of the people who have been caught and gives them the option. Most of them have chosen to be educated instead of going to jail," said ski patroller Cathy Fraser.

"It's a good alternative to jail time. I have a couple of friends over in Breckenridge who had their gear confiscated and got thrown in jail," said Jesse Sikora of Boulder.

Caught out of bounds with a friend, Sikora opted to take part in the avalanche training. "We dug out an area to simulate an avalanche. Then we dug a couple of caves and buried two other guys who were caught out of bounds.

"I think it was scary, though it helped a lot knowing that there were patrolmen there if the cave collapsed, and they gave them radios," Sikora said.

Fraser said the drill not dangerous. "I have people buried all the time (as part of training). Somebody knows where they are all the time. They have radios and a transceiver. They can take in a blanket if they want," she said.

The radio lets them talk with patrollers outside, and the transceiver would help the patrol locate them in an emergency.

The patrollers watch the busted boarders and skiers dig the cave and then cover up the perpetrators. Patroller Fraser and her dog, "Angel," stay away until the cave is covered up.

"The other patrollers hang" in the vicinity to make sure the person is excavated safely. Some spend up to 20 minutes in the cave.

Copper Mountain, with three times the skiers as Loveland, doesn't have the time for a bury-yourself program, but does negotiate a better deal with the sheriff if you buy a lift ticket and spend a day learning about avalanche danger.

Chuck Tolton, head of the ski patrol at Copper, said, "I applaud the Loveland program. We've been aggressively enforcing the rules this winter to heighten awareness. We don't close these areas so we can ski them ourselves. It's for safety."

Breckenridge offers cooperative offenders the option of watching a series of videos on snow safety and writing a synopsis on what they've seen.

Tolton said Copper and authorities also sometimes offer offenders the option of donating part of their fine to the Colorado Avalanche Center or Flight for Life.

Andrew Tashie, one of those who cooperated with Tolton's patrollers after being caught out of bounds, wrote the Western State College newspaper:

"I feel my predicament was stupid and could have been avoided .... Everyone loves the fresh tracks that Mother Nature so generously provides almost every season. Sometimes I think we love the pow-pow too much and we'll do silly things.

"As my brother and I found out, these rules are enforced."

Photo illustration by John Lepinski

UNIQUE PENALTY: Skiers who are caught skiing out of bounds in Loveland, Colo., can choose between jail time and being buried during an avalanche rescue drill. Those who have chosen the drill say it teaches them a very realistic lesson.

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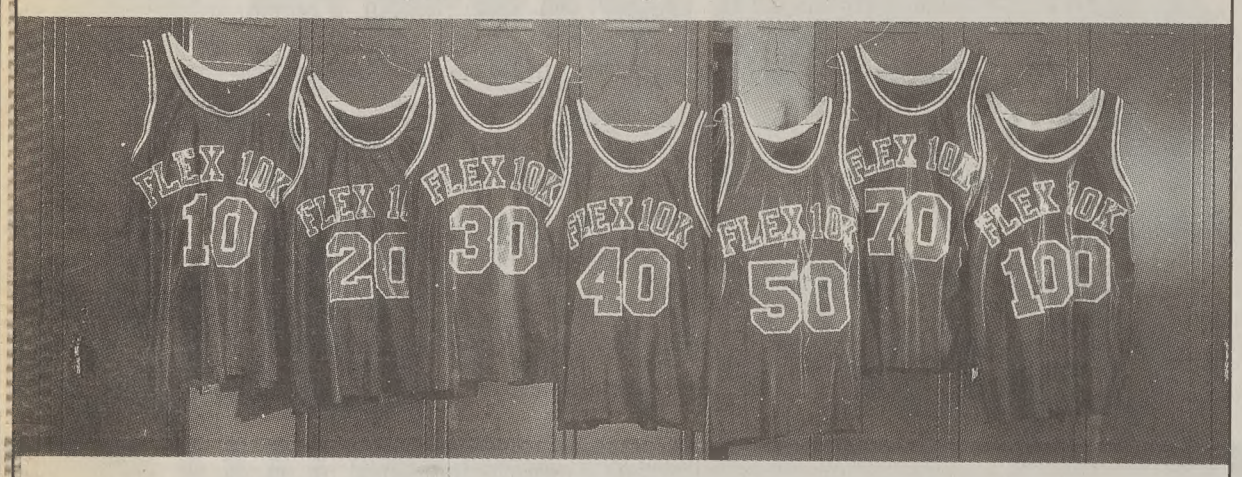

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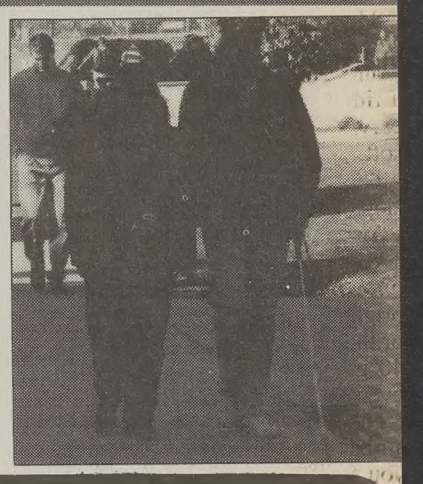

By AMY ANDERSON
Universe Staff Writer

ng blind-folded up and down ewalks of BYU can be an eye- g experience.

erwent empathy training for d in a tour around the campus ght I knew. My guides were Lusk and Sarah Long, two y impaired students at BYU, lack Labrador named Ingram. Jason and Sarah are involved of BYUSA's newest clubs, Beyond Sight. The club's pur- to provide support for the impaired as well as empathy for sighted members.

gh my experience with them ess than an hour, I gained a appreciation for my sight and er awareness of the struggles iumphs of the visually d.

more than 500,000 Americans ered legally blind, having no s a way of life. In addition, .4 million Americans live with egrees of sight loss.

ally impaired is a term that es a recognizable defect or ctioning of the eye. Visual ments range from total blind- low vision," according to the opedia of Blindness and Vision nent.

cal diagnostic guidelines blindness as no light percep- ome people can only discern its absence while others can he movement of objects.

erm visually impaired is often describe individuals who have oss in one or both eyes but onsidered legally blind.

gh I don't qualify as legally I still flounder around my ent without my contact lenses. tour of campus, however, the ing I could see through my d was bright sunshine.

egoing my sight of outward things, I gained some insight into an hour in the life of a blind person.

My feet became more than just two things that moved me from place to place. I realized that there are differences between grass, metal grates, asphalt and cement.

Sounds are more distinct — not only did I hear more, but I payed greater attention to the location of the sound's source.

The visually impaired rely heavily on stationary landmarks. "You depend a lot on shadows and trash cans — things that don't move," Sarah said.

Inside buildings, bathrooms, fire extinguishers and drinking fountains provide orientation due to their consistent location on each floor.

While most Americans don't need to walk with the help of a dog or a cane, many people will experience some sort of vision problem in their life.

Some people are born without sight or lose it before age 5 and may not have any visual memory. Individuals that become blind after 5 years of age are referred to as "adventitiously blind" and can use visualization through some visual memory.

The National Society to Prevent Blindness states that one in 19 Americans have a severe vision impairment that prohibits them from reading normal newsprint.

It is much more common for people to experience partial visual impairments from disease, aging and irregularities in the shape of the eye.

Over 50 percent of all individuals with severe vision impairments are over age 65.

Myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness) and astigmatism all result from a deviation from the normal spherical shape of the eye.

"Lazy eye," where one eye provides less visual information to the brain than the other, occurs in approximately two to four percent of the population.

One in 12 men and one in 200 women are born with color blindness and have trouble distinguishing one color from another.

BLIND FOR A DAY: Above, Amy Anderson is led by Sarah Long around BYU campus. Anderson gained a greater appreciation for the visually impaired when she participated in empathy for the blind training. At left, Anderson navigates the stairs with Jason Lusk and Ingram, the dog.

Photo courtesy of Amy Anderson

ancing fosters creativity

's Note: This is the second of rticles about BYU's Children ens Creative Dance Program.

By REBECCA SHAW
Universe Staff Writer

's Children and Teens Creative program emphasizes personal ssion over rigid structure. traditional jazz, ballet and tap s, creative dance pieces foster interpretations.

5 years, BYU's Creative Dance m has encouraged young s to choreograph from their ation. Additional support is ated, but parents are discour- om taking control of creative s.

y 400 young dancers are able about themselves each year h the program. In addition, ve Dance director Christine on said the children gain a appreciation for the blessing dy.

ly creative dance lessons com- with "locomotor" activities. aining is intended to activate dren's creative juices.

eacher then leads the class in riate levels of modern dance ue. Based upon age and abili- e exercises establish a founda- future skill development.

ining time in class is devoted lem-solving. Movement situa- re introduced and the dance s are challenged to overcome eachers look beyond the obvi- tions and solicit more innova- thods.

ra Hughes enrolled her daugh- lly, a senior at Provo High , in BYU's Creative Dance program 14 years ago. This alternative style proved to be the perfect solution to a doctor's initial recommendation. Not only has it increased Heather's strength and exercise level, but Hughes said it has also improved her daughter's listening skills and memory.

After Holly's positive experience, Hughes registered her younger daughters, Megan and Heather.

"All three of my girls involved with the program just absolutely love it," Hughes said.

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CREATIVE MOVEMENT: Holly Hughes, pictured here when she was eight years old, performs in BYU's Creative Dance program. Children are encouraged to choreograph dances from their own imagination.

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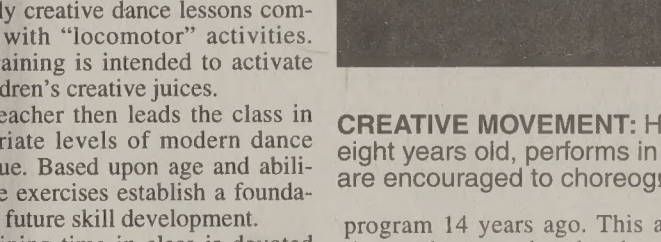

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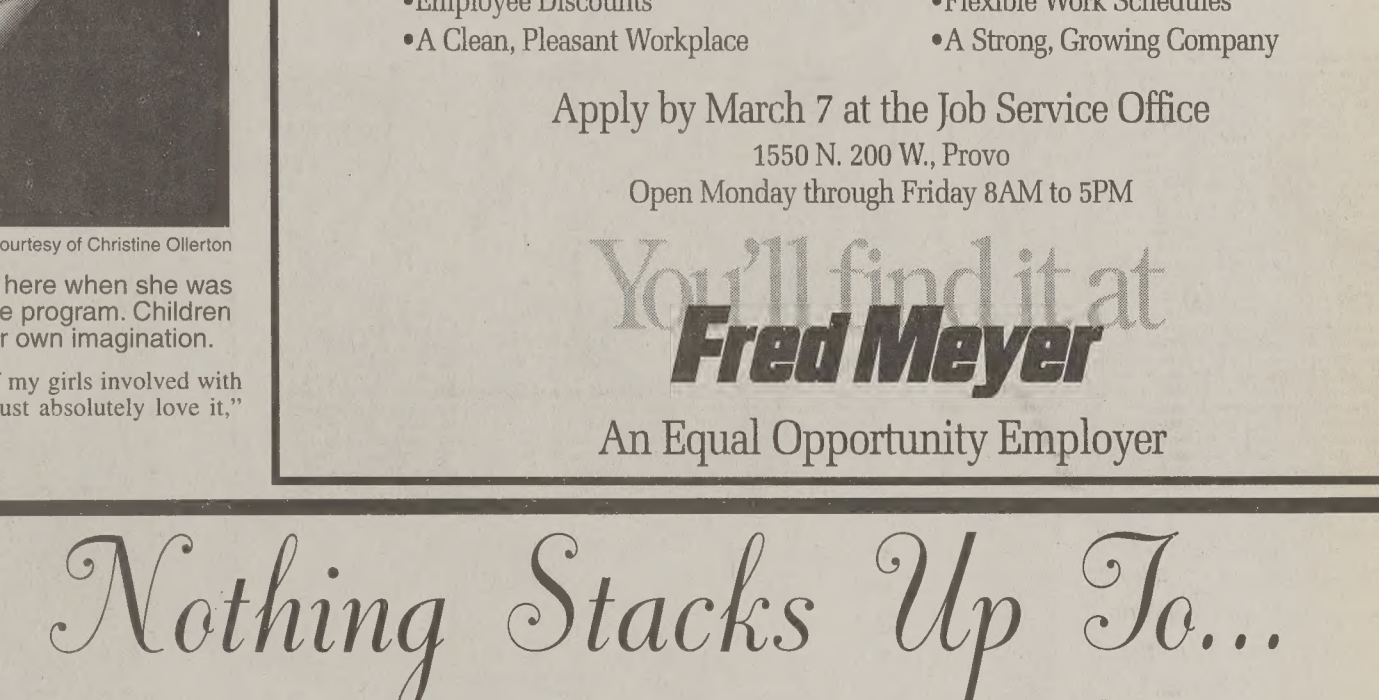

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Lecturer discusses parasitic disease

By LAURIE THAYER
Universe Staff Writer

Drinking a glass of water or petting a house cat won't put most people in a life-threatening situation, but for individuals who do not have a strong immune system, such as AIDS patients, these simple actions are a serious concern.

Thursday, Dr. Mark Healey, a visiting professor from Utah State University, addressed students and faculty in the Zoology Department about a parasite called Cryptosporidium parvum that is transmitted naturally between animals and human beings.

Healey opened his presentation with slides showing the effects that parasites, in general, have when they infect animals or humans, calling them "truly spectacular."

"My challenge today is to talk to you about a parasite not as spectacular in appearance, but a thousand times more important than 95 percent of the parasites we hear about today," Healey said.

This parasite, which causes the disease Cryptosporidiosis, was first described in 1912. It remained obscure until 1976 when two cases, both in people, were reported. The AIDS pandemic has really brought the disease to the forefront, Healey said. While the disease is most serious for individuals who have the AIDS virus or whose immune system is compromised, anyone could become infected.

"In the AIDS patient it is life-threatening. In the rest of us it will make us awfully sick," Healey said.

As of June 1996, 28 million people throughout the world were infected with HIV. The fact that between 10 to 50 percent of AIDS patients will develop Cryptosporidiosis shows the kind of impact this disease could have, Healey said.

The parasite is transmitted in the fecal material of animals and gets into the water system or onto the hands of those that have had intimate contact with the animal. Many people would question the likeliness of an outbreak of the parasite occurring in the water system. However, 27 to 54 percent of filtered water is subject to contamination.

In April 1993, the largest documented outbreak of a waterborne transmitted disease was reported in Milwaukee, Wis. It was the parasite Cryptosporidium parvum that infected 403,000, hospitalized 4,000 and killed 100.

Once the organism enters the system, it circumvents the immune system and, as Healey said, "blankets the intestinal tract." Individuals infected with the disease suffer from nausea, fever, abdominal cramps and diarrhea.

No drug has been consistently proven to cure this disease, Healey said. Simple sanitary measures are the only control.

Healey is rapidly becoming one of the leading researchers in the United States on Cryptosporidiosis. He is currently leading a team of researchers at USU to learn more about the disease in what he calls, "a quest to secure a compound that can help."

Y to install diaper-changing stations

By AMANDA CRESAP
Universe Staff Writer

BYU students with babies will no longer have to change dirty diapers on the floor of campus restrooms.

The University Planning Committee passed a Student Advisory Council proposal to build diaper-changing tables in men's and women's restrooms in designated campus buildings.

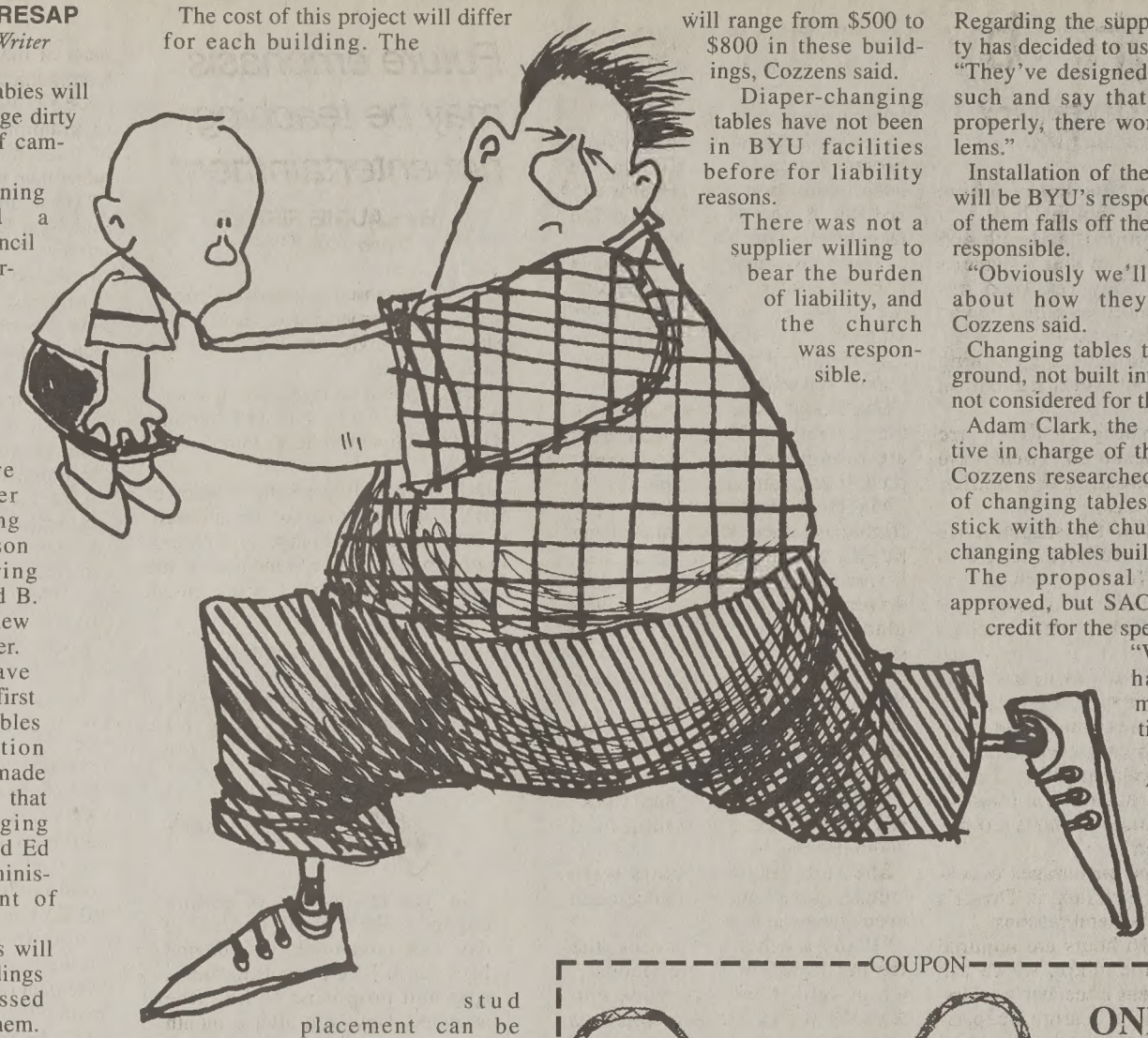
The first buildings to receive the Koala changing tables are those currently under construction, including the Ernest L. Wilkinson Center, Carl F. Eyring Science Center, Harold B. Lee Library and the new McDonald Health Center.

"These buildings have been designated as the first to receive changing tables because construction arrangements can be made to build the right studs that will secure the changing tables to the wall," said Ed Cozzens, assistant administrative vice president of Physical Facilities.

The changing stations will then be placed in buildings where students expressed the greatest desire for them.

This priority list includes the Franklin S. Harris Fine Arts Center, Joseph Smith Building, Richards Building, Marriott Center and Joseph F. Smith Family Living Center.

"As money will permit, we will go through this priority list and attempt to install tables in these buildings," Cozzens said.



The cost of this project will differ for each building. The stud placement can be planned into the blueprints in the buildings under construction, so the only cost is the changing tables themselves.

In the buildings not under construction, inadequate studs will require the walls to be enforced before tables are installed.

The cost of the required construction and the diaper-changing tables will range from $500 to $800 in these buildings, Cozzens said.

Diaper-changing tables have not been in BYU facilities before for liability reasons.

There was not a supplier willing to bear the burden of liability, and the church was responsible.

Regarding the supplier the un[i]ty has decided to use, Cozzens [s]"They've designed their faci[l]such and say that if they're [u]properly, there won't be any [p]lems."

Installation of the changing [t]will be BYU's responsibility. "[I]of them falls off the wall, then [i]responsible.

"Obviously we'll be very c[a]about how they're insta[l]Cozzens said.

Changing tables that stand [o]ground, not built into the wall, [w]not considered for the project.

Adam Clark, the SAC repre[s]tive in charge of the proposa[l]Cozzens researched different [k]of changing tables and deci[d]stick with the church standa[r]changing tables built into the [w]

The proposal was ra[t]approved, but SAC won't ta[k]credit for the speed, Clark [s]

"We really [d]have to d[o]much; we[ll] timed it righ[t]

Administr[a]has really [b]willing to [m]over back[s]and help [t]students [i]its possib[le]

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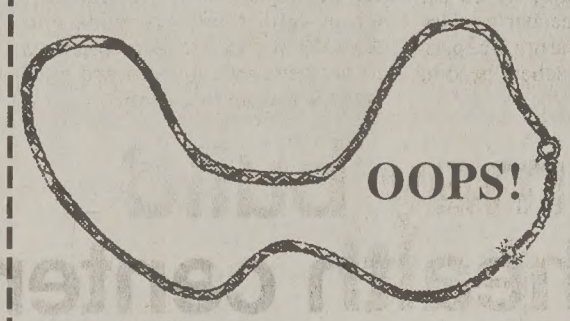

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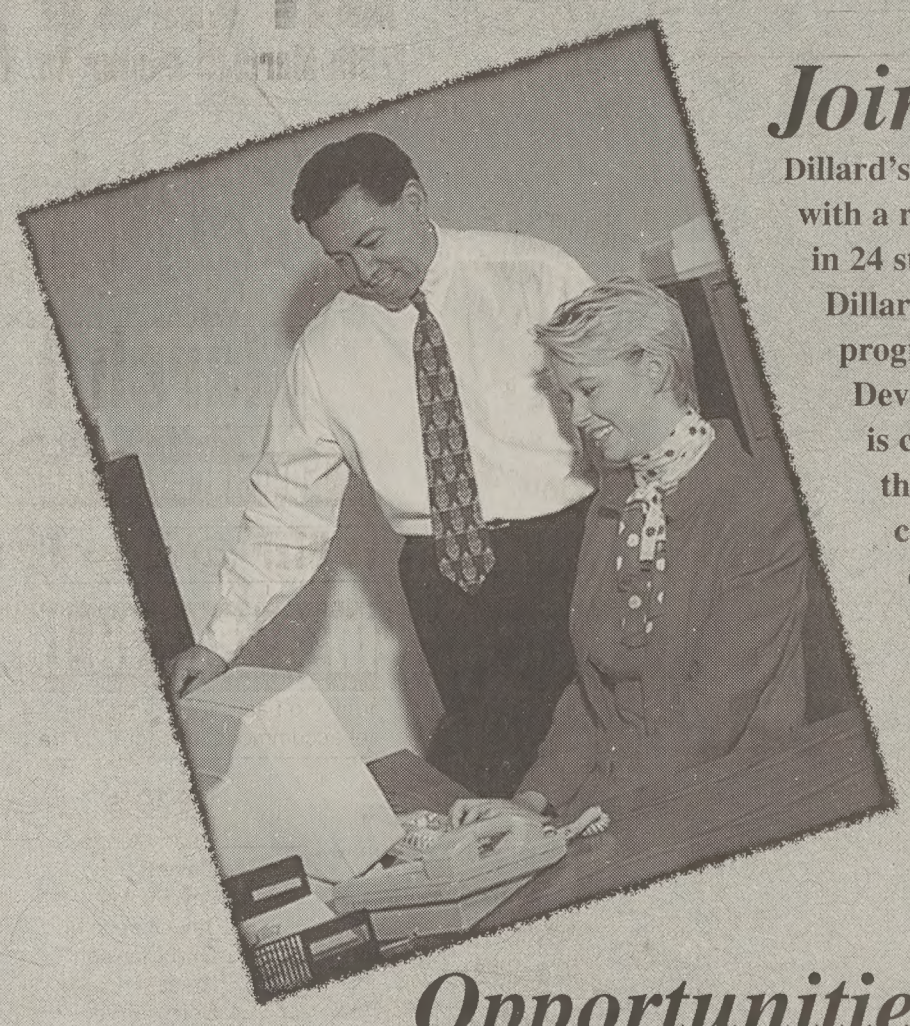

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y SUSAN KENNEDY
Universe Staff Writer

lent teachers say coaching t drivers is not that bad.
ents enrolled in Health 445 ught how to teach Driver's ation. They are then put l the wheel with pupils who rning to drive.
t 445 students are teaching s with Driver's Education .
se learning to drive are d in Health 10. Twenty-five ts, representing 18 countries, ing the class.
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ever, Paul Coon, assistant sor of health sciences and 's Education instructor said, ne who can teach someone e can teach anything. This is t opportunity for them to someone in an outcome- situation."
said he encourages educa- udents to minor in Driver's tion for several reasons.
only 16 hours are required plete the minor, which can augment a teacher's salary. lso a good learning experi- and it helps teachers become better drivers, he said.

Carrie MacDonald, a senior from Sierra Vista, Ariz., majoring in health education, took Health 445 last spring. She was encouraged to take the class for her major.

"I was never really nervous to get behind the wheel with an inexperienced driver, but you do forget what people don't know. You assume that they know what you know," she said.

MacDonald said since many of the students in Driver's Education are foreigners, language barriers present an additional problem.

MacDonald said she was only frightened once, when one of her pupils got too close to a pole. Instead of hitting the brake, the driver hit the accelerator. "I was glad I had my own brake," she said.

Marina Spassova, a senior from Sosia, Bulgaria, majoring in international relations and French, took Driver's Education when she came to BYU.

"Health 10 was fun and easy," she said. "There's nothing hard about driving."

She said her instructors were "totally good" and remained calm even when she wasn't.

"If the teacher is nervous, the feeling transfers to the student," Coon said. "Not everyone can teach Driver's Education. You have to be mentally equipped and realize that you are in control."

YU may build ew health center

CATHY HADDOCK
Universe Staff Writer

BYU health center will be 1750 N. Wymount Terrace he bidding stays within bud-

oved, the new center will be May 1998. The bidding took sday.
w health center will continue de medical service to the mpus community, said J. Stratton, director of construc-

health center was originally ouse Health Services and the rogram approximately 40 .
sent building does not meet odes, and is electrically and ally inadequate to handle the health care services equip- s also too small and does not for proper personnel and low or patient comforts, said.
Christensen, of Health said that a new building is ecause the present one is 40 years old, and technology and health care have changed a lot in the last few years.

"Natural growth makes it more and more difficult to accommodate patients," Christensen said.

Other construction updates on campus include the following:

In the Eyring Science Center, metal stud framing is 90 percent complete. Dry wall, paint and ceiling grid is nearing completion on the first level.

Laboratory casework is being installed on the first level. Mechanical and electrical rough-in is ongoing on all floors. The Eyring should be completed December 1997.

The hole for the new library addition is now down as far as it needs to be in some areas. After it is level, the workers will pour concrete footings.

"The cold weather has not affected the project progress. The snow and wet weather has caused a few days delay, but no more than anticipated," said the Construction Department.

The new addition to the library should be completed Dec. 31, 1998, the remodeling project should be finished Dec. 31, 1999.

KBYU proposes role change

Future emphasis may be teaching, not entertainment

By LAURIE FISHER
Universe Staff Writer

KBYU proposed changing its identification from broadcast services to teleeducational services at its annual board meeting Friday.

The proposed change encompasses a shift in emphasis that will become KBYU's future as it heads into the next century.

Over the past 30 years, the mission of KBYU has been to assist the university in its educational purposes with programs that meet the standards of the community, said Bruce L. Christensen, dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communications.

KBYU now feels it can make the programming side of its service more of a teaching tool for the university, rather than just an entertainment tool.

"These are uncharted areas for us," said John Reim, director of broadcast services.

In the past, the focus of KBYU was primarily entertainment, but KBYU is now attempting to export the BYU experience beyond the campus, the board was told.

KBYU leaders told the board about some of their current projects and developments and showed clips from the teaching programs KBYU has aired in the past year.

Education Week was aired for the first time this year. KBYU is also involved in a project with the Theater and Media Arts Department, the English Department and the Shakespearean Festival to support the teaching of Shakespeare in secondary schools, said Van Wagenen Sterling, executive producer of broadcast services.

"What we're really talking about is life-long learning," Reim said.

KBYU is also developing a multimedia prototype to help better understand how media can be used to help teach world civilization classes. CD-ROMs and BYU local area networks will be used in the teaching of the classes, Sterling said.

We plan on good solid programs that accomplish teaching objectives, Reim said. The driver is the academic programs. It's collaborative. We sit down and find out what the university's needs are. Some projects are for broadcast and some are used just in the classroom, Reim said.

"We assume that all of this has financial consequences," Reim said. "We have no idea with certainty what they are, but we have done our best to forecast them."

The funding forecast was addressed because KBYU knows there will be financial consequences from its shift in emphasis.

"It is our belief that as our programming becomes more educational in content, our membership dues will shrink. Many of the people who support us do so because of the entertainment we offer," Reim said.

Another issue raised in the board meeting was the distance between KBYU management and other student facilities in the Harris Fine Arts Center.

"This is an evolutionary change for us that we're embarking on. We'll work through those details with the administration and our staff so that everybody is comfortable with the direction we're going and what we're trying to do," Christensen said.

If the proposal is passed, the transition to a new emphasis will evolve over the next three to five years, Reim said.

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BY TOM BUDSMEN

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The preceding was an actual case either brought to or heard of by the BYUSA ombudsman's office. Names have been changed to protect the parties involved.

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Showcase features diversity

By ASHLEY BAKER
Universe Staff Writer

The annual modern dance showcase, Dance in Concert, will feature several pieces choreographed by BYU faculty.

According to modern dance division administrator Kathy Black, one of the highlights of this year's showcase will be a number by Lar Lubovitch titled "Marimba." Black said Lubovitch is one of the premiere modern dance choreographers in the world.

"His range goes from humorous to the more serious," Black said.

The program will open with "Very Vivaldi," a bright lyrical dance in the classical style choreographed by Pat Debenham, a member of the BYU dance faculty. Following "Very Vivaldi," "Songs of Deliverance," choreographed by BYU dance faculty member Rebecca Phillips, will depict the theme of deliverance through faith.

"Gothic Tracery" and "African Nightfall" were both choreographed by Caroline Prohosky, artistic director for the modern dance division. "Gothic Tracery" is an attempt to translate the sweeping architecture of a Gothic cathedral into dance movements. "African Nightfall" draws on the rich cultural heritage of Africa as it presents the elegance of African sculpture in movement.

"Passage," choreographed by Black, is a mythical narrative of an encounter between a young boy and the phoenix.

Those who have attended past performances of the Modern Dance Company will recognize "Hambone for Two," where the rhythm of the piece is produced by dancers slapping their arms and legs.

Lubovitch's "Marimba" will conclude the performance. Black said "Marimba" reflects overtones of medieval "danceomania," where people would start dancing and dance to exhaustion. "There is a sense of completely giving over to the dance," Black said.

The Modern Dance Company will make a mid-semester tour to Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. Dance in Concert features many of the works they will take on tour.

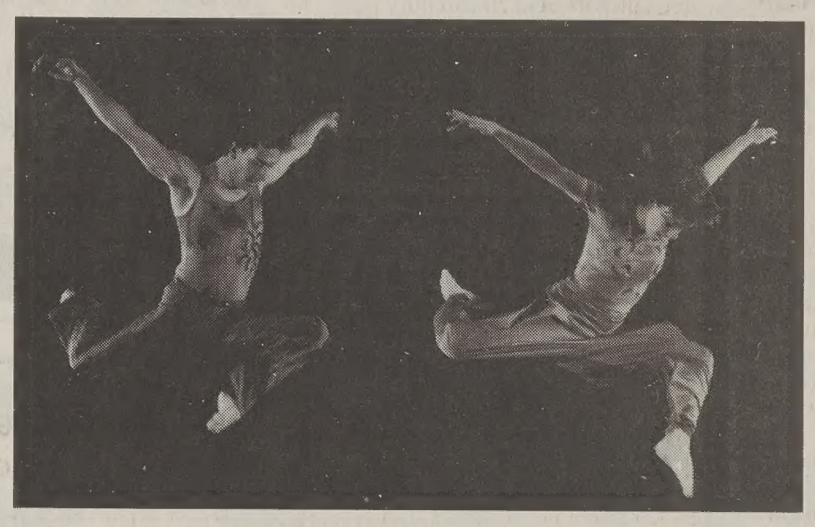
The Modern Dance Company is a repertory company, which means that they have had works created specifically for them by faculty and guest choreographers. The Modern Dance Company consists of five men and twelve women.

Modern dance grew out of an attempt to produce a uniquely American art form. One of the pioneers was Martha Graham, who explored a style known as "contract and release," a dance movement focusing on contracting and releasing the abdomen. Graham felt that the abdomen was the center of feeling, so she made it the center of her dance movements.

Prohosky said that modern dance emerges out of the philosophy that dancers should explore movement. Each dance in modern dance has its own movement because it has its own statement to make.

Modern dance is more than simply a dancer simply doing whatever they feel like. "You learn strong technique that gives you a good base of support that you can implement in learning any dance style," Smith said.

Dance in Concert will run February 20-22. All performances will be in the de Jong Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $8 for the general public, $6 for students, faculty, senior citizens and alumni, and may be purchased by calling the fine arts ticket office at 378-4322.



REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE: Tamara Eldredge, above, captures the combination of grace, innovation and discipline which have earned the Modern Dance Company a worldwide reputation for excellence.

Members of BYU's Modern Dance Company, left, perform "African Nightfall."

Photos courtesy of BYU

Goldwater's photos on display in Ogde

By KIMBER KAY
Universe Staff Writer

The photography of Barry Goldwater, former U.S. senator, is on display down a walkway at Weber State University.

Goldwater's pictures of the Arizona wilderness line the new bridge that connects the Student Services Center to the Shepherd Union Building.

"This is a gallery you can't miss," said Mike Ellis, director of the Shepherd Union Building, the social hub of WSU. Ellis estimates over 3,500 people pass through the walkway everyday.

Barry Goldwater's political career spanned five decades. As a senator from Arizona, he is best known for his unsuccessful run for president in 1964 against Lyndon Johnson. Byron Daynes, professor of political science, said that Goldwater was considered "the darling of the Republican party."

Daynes said that Goldwater's most important contribution to American politics was being "the ideological spokesman of the conservative party." In the late 70's Ronald Reagan became the new spokesman, according to Daynes, but by then Goldwater had already laid the groundwo the Republicans shift towards conservative agenda.

Goldwater's other passion ou politics was photography. He c I got to know this state probabl intimately than anyone who h lived here," Goldwater said in article in "Cameras & Dark magazine.

Goldwater has used photogr record Arizona on film for o years. He has travelled to all 2 vations in Arizona and photog all of the state's 14 Native A tribes.

During the 1930's, Goldwat the largest private library in th and then donated it to the A Historical Foundation wh helped establish. All of Gold political papers and photogra be found at the library, which c be accessed through the Inter

Goldwater is a member if the Photographic Society of Great and the Photographic Soci America. His photographs ha on display in more than 300 ex

The Goldwater Collection Feb. 14 through March 15, fr a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday t Saturday.

Competition shows top vocal talents

By ASHLEY BAKER
Universe Staff Writer

BYU will showcase some of its top vocal talents today at the Young Artist Competition in the de Jong Concert Hall.

The Young Artist Competition is an opportunity for students to interact with each other in a professional way.

"I think it is a good opportunity for us to sing with our fellow students and exhibit what we're working on individually," said Emily McCormick, a senior majoring in vocal performance from Layton.

"I think we are all really supportive of each other in the major. It's fun to be able to be on a program with the other students. It feels like a team effort," McCormick said.

"It helps us prepare for the musical professions," McCormick said.

The Young Artist Competition has been going for ten years. This years Young Artist Competition features mainly vocal performance majors.

"Formerly we included MDT (music dance theater) majors, but they are on tour with the Young Ambassadors," said Clayne Robinson, a member of the BYU music faculty.

The competition consists of three recitals. The first will be on Wednesday in the Madsen Recital Hall. From a group of 15 performers, two or three will be selected to join a group of nine singers already selected to participate in the second recital.

The second recital will be in the Madsen Recital Hall on March 5.

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>
> *—Emily McCormick vocal performance major*

Of the nine singers, five or six will progress to the final recital in the Assembly Hall on Temple Square in Salt Lake City March 8.

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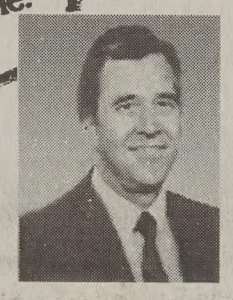

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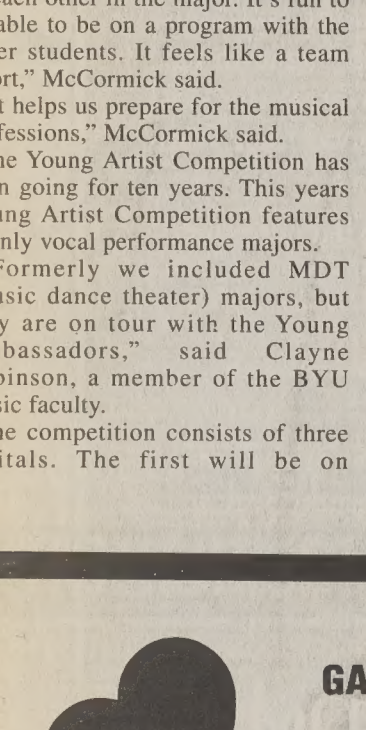

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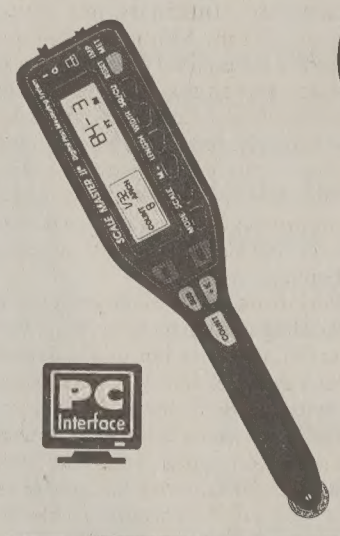

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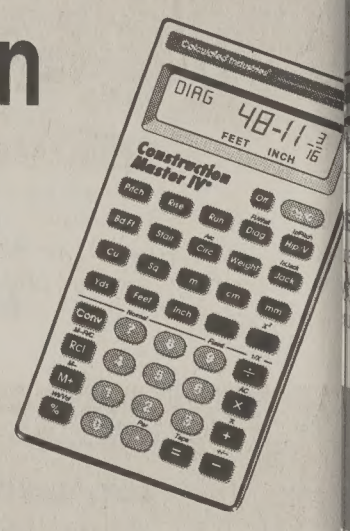

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cital to fill museum with music

y BECKY EVANS
Universe Staff Writer

s composed by Brahms will useum of Art Thursday at 7 p.m. when Jeffrey Shumway, associate professor of music, and Del Parkinson, professor of music at Boise State University, perform.

Shumway and Parkinson have been performing together for the past 15 years. They became acquainted while they were both studying music at the well-known Juilliard School of Music, Shumway said. The two pianists know each others musical tendencies very well, he said.

"Brahms was one of the greatest writers of piano music ... and we like to celebrate birthdays," said Shumway when asked why the duo chose to feature Brahms in this year's performance. This year commemorates the centennial of Brahms' death.

The MOA offers fabulous acoustics and a wonderful setting, Shumway said. The evening will be a treat for both the ears and eyes.

The duo will be performing music that was composed while Brahms was in Vienna in 1862. According to museum information, shortly after arriving in Vienna, Brahms discovered waltz manuscripts written by Schubert. These manuscripts were the inspiration for the pieces the duo will be playing Thursday night. Brahms called these pieces "innocent little waltzes in Schubertian form."

The two masterpieces that will be performed are "Variations on a Theme by Haydn" and "Sonata in F Minor." According to museum information, the Sonata was originally written for a string quintet, but after this version of the composition failed to meet the composer's standard of perfection, he destroyed the manuscript and recast it into two different versions. One for two pianos and the other for a piano quintet.

Shumway is a member of the music faculty and serves as head of keyboard studies. He was the second prize winner of the 1977 Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition. Shumway has performed extensively with chamber groups and as a solo artist. He is a member of the Escalante Trio, which has recently performed in the Temple Square music series and at Ricks College. He is currently working on a solo project which includes a series of six recitals featuring the works of Chopin.

Parkinson did the majority of his schooling at Indiana University. From there he taught at Furman University, Ricks College, and is now a professor of music at Boise State University.

Both are members of the internationally renowned American Piano Quartet. The quartet has performed and recorded throughout Europe, Canada, the Far East and the United States.

Admission to the concert is $3 for the general public and $1 for BYU students and MOA members. The recital will be held in the Horne Study Center.

Photo courtesy of Mark Philbrick

NT WALTZES: Jeffrey Shumway, associate professor of nd Del Parkinson, professor of music at Boise State , will perform a recital of Brahms' music Thursday at 7 p.m. seum of Art.

Utahns to join in winter fun

By MICHELLE COOK
Universe Staff Writer

Contests, activities and prizes await participants Saturday at Park City's 25th annual Coca-Cola Snow Sculpture Contest and Winterfest.

The event will be at Park City Municipal Park. The Snow Sculpture Contest begins at 8 a.m., with judging at 2:30 p.m.

The Winterfest is scheduled from noon to 4 p.m.

"We are a ski resort, so it's probably appropriate that we have some sort of event like this," said Nikki Lowry, special events manager for the Park City Chamber/ Bureau.

A press release from the Park City Chamber/Bureau said the event "promises to offer much more than spectacular frozen works of art when contestants transform City Park into a winter wonderland."

The Snow Sculpture Contest includes three categories: family, corporate and non-profit, and schools and school groups.

Awards will be given to the top three entrants in each category.

"The only rules are really that we're not allowing any sort of electrical or power tools," Lowry said.

Participants can use tools such as shovels to create their masterpieces.

Lowry said the judging is based on originality, creativity and an overall nicely done piece.

"Last year there was this fabulous one done by an architecture firm that was a miner car and a miner," Lowry said.

Lowry said that a statue of Neptune and a model of Boot Hill have also been among past entries.

Judges for the contest include local dignitaries and artists, an art teacher and a newspaper editor.

The Winterfest is a new addition this year.

In past year the event consisted primarily of the snow sculpture contest and was in an out-of-the-way location, Lowry said.

This year, people will be able to find the event easier in its more central location, she said.

Activities scheduled for the Winterfest include dog sled rides, snow cave building, snowshoeing, saucer races, cross country demonstrations, avalanche safety clinics and live entertainment.

Prize drawings will also be throughout the day.

> ***"It's always fun to see people turn mounds of snow into amazing things."***
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> *—Nikki Lowry, special events manager for the Park City Chamber/Bureau*

Members of the U.S. bobsled and luge teams will offer tips on their respective sports.

The Salt Lake Grizzlies' mascot, Grisby, will also be there.

"It's always fun to see people turn mounds of snow into amazing things," Lowry said. "We want it to be a family event, and we think it will be fun for people to slap on snowshoes and try running around."

Donna Lifsey, director of marketing and promotions for Jacor Communications, said the company has been sponsoring the event for many years.

Jacor Communications owns KKAT 102 FM, Hot 94.9 FM and Oldies 94.1 FM.

Each station will be represented at the event.

Lifesey said it is quiet during the morning hours of the event, when people are there to build the sculptures.

Later on in the day more people start coming to check out the sculptures, to win prizes and to have warm food.

Activities are free, except for the food items.

Those wishing to enter the Snow Sculpture Contest must preregister by Wednesday.

Entry forms are available at all Albertson's stores.

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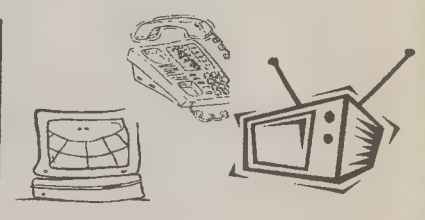

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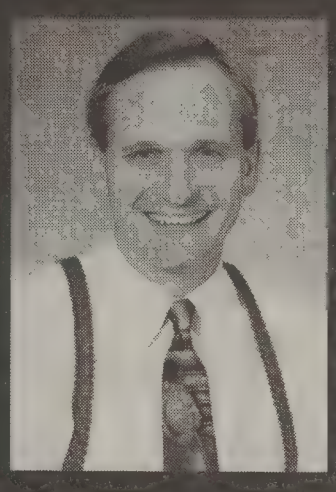

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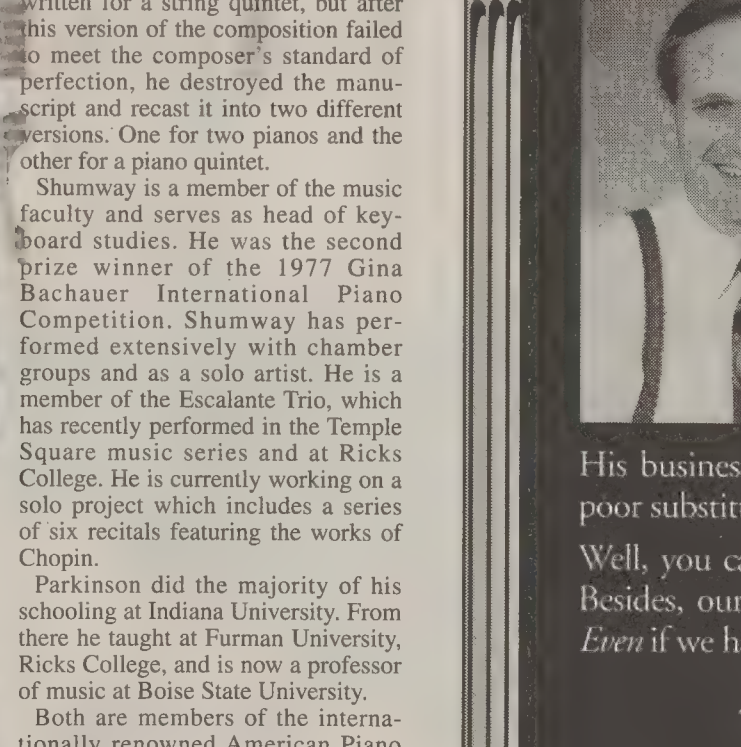

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New zoo director cites hassles of job

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Craig Dinsmore, who will succeed LaMar Farnsworth as Hogle Zoo director next month, said he sees many challenges in his new job.

But the challenges are not unique to Hogle, he said. All zoos must compete for the public's recreational time and money, meet the increasing expectations of both the public and zoo employees, and teach the importance of wildlife preservation.

A zoo is a family place but it is also a cultural and educational resource that enhances its community, Dinsmore said in a press conference Monday.

His appointment was announced last week.

In an increasingly computerized world, a zoo "is not a virtual experience," Dinsmore said. "It's where people experience wildlife up close and personal."

Zoo board president James Hogle Jr. said Dinsmore was chosen as director because of his experience with animals as well as his work in planning, development and fund-raising.

Dinsmore downplayed the zoo's problems with federal regulatory agencies, saying they played no part in his decision to come to Utah.

"The problems the zoo had were minor. They're not uncommon to zoos. They've been addressed and resolved," Dinsmore said.

In November 1995, the zoo agreed to pay a $25,000 fine to settle civil charges that it violated the federal Animal Welfare Act. That case stemmed from a U.S. Department of Agriculture investigation into the deaths of two giraffes that slipped and fell, and the deaths of two gazelles killed by coyotes that broke through the zoo's perimeter fence in 1993 and 1994.

Dinsmore said the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans has a national reputation, as does the Topeka, Kan., zoo where he worked as general curator.

"I have always associated myself with winners. And the Hogle Zoo is a winner," Dinsmore said.

Farnsworth announced his retirement last fall after 32 years as zoo director. He will remain as a consultant for two years.

"LaMar Farnsworth dedicated his life to the development of Hogle Zoo, and I'm honored to succeed him," said Dinsmore.

'Dilbert' icon of managerial ineptitud

Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — "Dilbert" creator Scott Adams is pleased, but not too surprised, that his management-tweaking books are raking in the kind of sales once reserved for weighty tomes on how to succeed in business.

"There's a fairly obvious reason," Adams said dryly. "For every person who's a manager and wants to know how to manage people, there are 10 people who are being managed and would like to figure out how to make it stop.

"You have a choice of appealing to the one or to the 10, and I simply choose the 10," he said.

Adams is quick to point out, however, that managers are more than welcome to buy his books.

"It turns out that the beauty of my approach, also totally accidental, ... is that everyone thinks I'm talking about their boss," he said. "They're pretty sure they're not doing that stuff, but their boss is certainly doing it to them."

Adams' books have peppered the best-seller lists. He had three books — "The Dilbert Principle," "Dogbert's Top Secret Management Handbook" and "Telling It Like It Isn't" — on one New York Times business best-seller list during January.

What's the secret to Adams' success?

"I think he's extraordinarily skillful at tapping the kind of dissatisfaction and stupidity that most American workers experience in the workplace," said Robert E. Cole, business professor at the University of California-Berkeley. "He's developed a real knack."

Adams, 39, came by his insight into the American workplace the old-fashioned way — he worked, first in a bank, then at Pacific Bell.

Early attempts to break into cartooning failed. He was rejected by the Famous Artists School at age 11 — "They said you had to be at least 12 years old to be a famous artist." — and got a crop of rejection letters when he tried again at age 29.

A year later a cartoonist he'd gotten in touch with for advice on how to break into the tough field wrote him a follow-up letter to make sure he hadn't given up.

In fact, Adams had. But the letter was an impetus to try again, resulting in a contract with United Media in 1988 for "Dilbert."

"Dilbert" now appears in 1,400 papers in 35 countries.

The title character, an odd little fellow with a celery-top head, opaque glasses, no mouth and a gravity defying tie, was the descendant of doodles a bored Adams drew in business meetings.

In strip after strip, Dilbert takes potshots at despots and grills the sacred cows of business to a crisp.

For instance, one strip begins with a manager announcing he will be using humor to ease tensions caused by trimming the work force.

"Knock, knock," says the manager. "Who's there?" asks a hapless worker. "Not you anymore," responds the grinning boss.

In 1993 "Dilbert" went somewhere no syndicated strip had gone before, when Adams started printing his e-mail address and inviting readers to write.

They did, some commenting on Dilbert's adventures, some offering new anecdotes of nitwit management and others just venting steam.

"A lot of people use me as therapy — free therapy," said Adams, who gets about 350 e-mails a day.

For several years Adams kept his day job at Pac Bell, drawing the strip in his spare time.

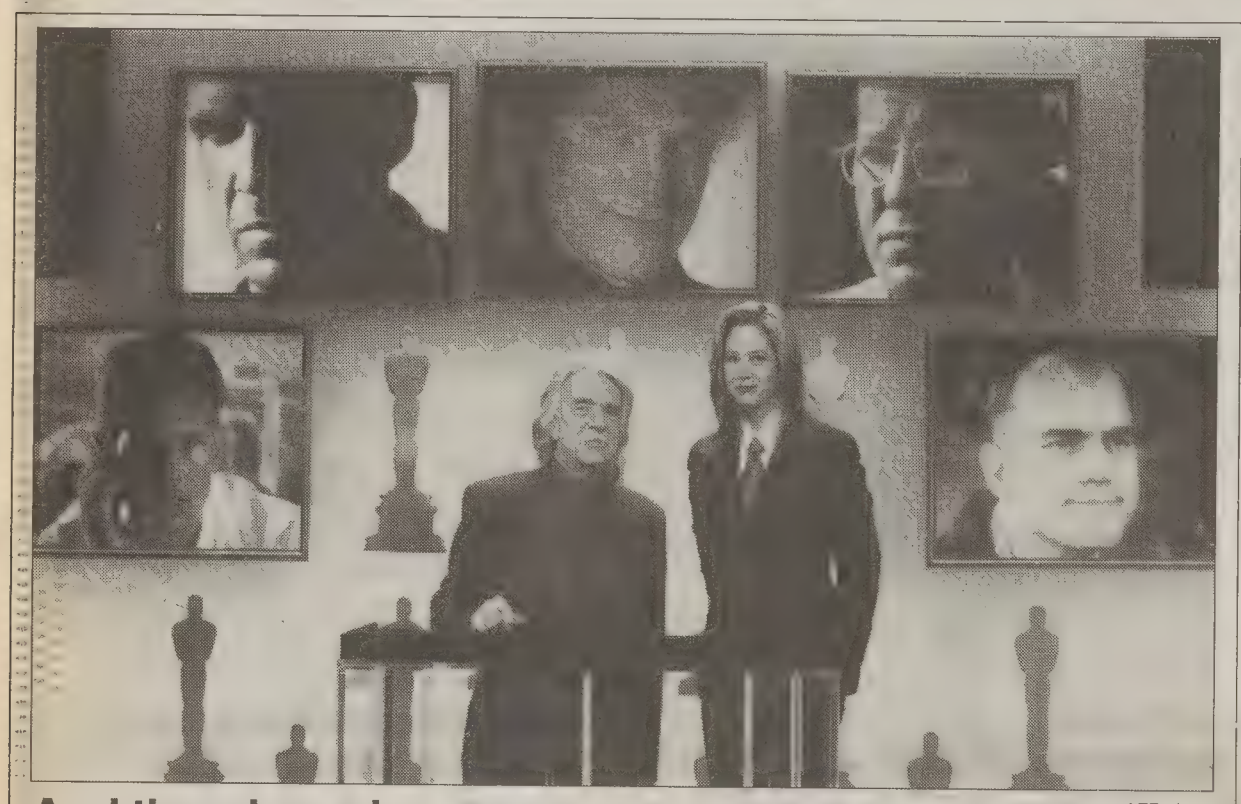
But in 1995 he was nudged into full-time entrepreneurship when a new boss took him up on a longstanding offer to resign if management felt his costs exceeded his benefits to the company.

Adams said so far as he knows, "Dilbert" had nothing to do w

The change turned out to less traumatic than Adams ha ined. "It was like, 'It's go minute you walked out," Adar

These days he works from midnight in the east San F Bay area house he shares girlfriend and two cats. Along daily strips and a new bo working on a pilot script fo action Dilbert sitcom to be the Fox network.

"My goal is not to cha world," Adams said. "My g make a few bucks and hope y in the process."



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'Star Wars' prepares to meet the empire

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The re-released "Star Wars," lord of the box office for the past three weeks, is about to go into battle against its own offspring "The Empire Strikes Back."

The staying power of the 20-year-old space adventure has confounded even its studio, which planned to release "Star Wars" and its two sequels in succession but didn't expect them to be fighting for the top spot at the box office.

But "Star Wars" will remain in theaters as "The Empire Strikes Back" strikes again on Friday. And the pair are certain to be showing when the last of the George Lucas trilogy, "Return of the Jedi," is re-issued March 7.

Over the four-day holiday weekend, "Star Wars," re-issued with improved special effects and new scenes, took in $21.3 million, easily topping Clint Eastwood's new "Absolute Power," which was No. 2 with $16.8 million, according to industry estimates.

"Star Wars" is close to the $100 million mark in re-release. The film already has become the U.S. all-time box-office leader and the first to break the $400 million domestic-gross mark.

Although Fox might have been able to milk "Star Wars" by delaying "Empire," 20th Century Fox executive Tom Sherak repeatedly has said the release date for "Empire" remains unchanged. But in an interview last week, Sherak appeared to at least toy with the idea of widening the gap between "Empire" and "Return of the Jedi."

"Is two weeks enough? Should it have been three? We're dealing with that now," Sherak said. A call to Sherak on Tuesday was not immediately returned.

Theater operators said they wouldn't object to giving over screens to two or even three of the movies at the same time.

"Those are the problems we like to have," said John Miller, general manager for the Springfield, Ill-based Kerasotes Theaters.

Even if the three films are in release at the same time, they will cover no more than about 5,000 screens in all —not much more than a summer blockbuster like "Independence Day."

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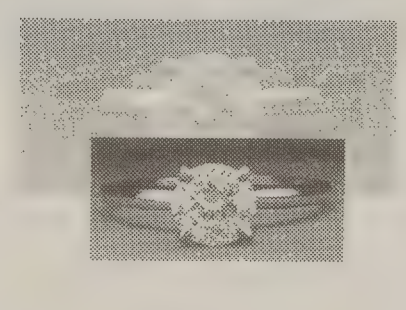

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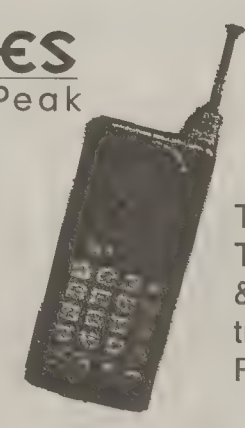

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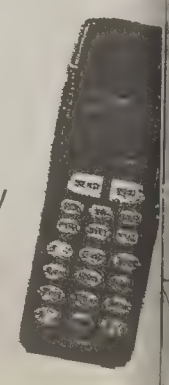

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TAKE THAT, BALL: BYU's Angela Jewell smacks a forehand return in a match earlier this year. The Cougars went 2-1 last weekend, defeating #24 Northwestern 6-3 and North Carolina 9-0.

With the score tied in singles 3-3, the pressure went to the Cougar doubles teams to respond to the challenge.

Willy Lee Chan and Shari Smith blew past Tara Porter and Jennifer Lutgert 8-1 to ease the pressure. "Shari really took control of the match. She's a very strong doubles player, and with Willy's consistency they were able to get off the court quickly and take the pressure off the other doubles teams," Barton said.

Chan and Smith's win put the Cougars up 1-0 in doubles play. Chiew and Jenkins at No. 1 and Jewell and Alder at No. 2 responded to the challenge with wins. Jewell stayed up enough to defeat a persistent Laura Guignon 6-4, 7-5 while Alder cruised to a 6-3, 6-3 win over Karen Kothari. The doubles wins helped seal the victory for BYU.

Despite a hard-fought match against No. 3 ranked Duke Saturday, BYU lost 8-1. Chan was the lone player scoring Cougar, coming up with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Laura Ziffer.

"It hurts to lose 8-1, but we really stayed with them," Barton said. "We felt like we were in it the whole way, but we just didn't win the big points."

After an 8-1 loss to Duke, the women came out Monday afternoon to clean sweep the North Carolina Tar Heels 9-0. The Cougars won every match on the day without dropping a set. "We played very solid tennis from top to bottom in the (North Carolina) match," Barton said.

Rugby team successful due to 'love for the game'

By SETH LEWIS
Special to the Universe

The way Scott Wilson sees it, it's either ignorance or arrogance.

Or both.

Regardless, the BYU Rugby Club toils in oblivion, collecting as many press clippings as losses while it develops one of the finest dynasties you've never heard of.

"The guys who play do it for the love of the game," said Wilson, the club's president and starting halfback. "There's no external reward. We don't get our names in the paper, we're never on TV."

Coach Dave Smyth, though, doesn't really care. You can almost see him shrug over the phone.

"We don't look for a lot of the limelight," the six-year coach said. "We'd just like people to respect us for winning. As long as we win, I'm happy."

Thus, Smyth is a veritable Mr. Rogers.

Since he took over as coach in 1991, the Cougars have compiled a 67-4 record, including a 10-0 mark last fall.

The third-ranked Cougars' Scorched-Turf Tour resumed Saturday with the Tournament of Champions in San Diego, where BYU collected blowout wins over Occidental University (41-0) and the University of San Diego (48-3) before falling in the semifinals to UC-Davis, 28-21.

It was the Cougars' first loss since a 24-22 setback against Navy last March.

Football-defensive-lineman-turned-rugby-forward . Henry Bloomfield gave the Cougars three touches and, more importantly, an emotional boost.

"Henry Bloomfield was like an animal," Wilson said. "When he has big runs and big tackles, it really lifts the entire team."

So does BYU's backbone — its backline.

Bolstered by speedy and experienced returnees from a '95-96 team that went 14-1 in Wilson, Glen Hubert (flyhalf), Sean Brow (inside center), John Richards (outside center), Jared Aikenhead (fullback) and wings Eric Oh and Spencer Richards, the backline corps plans to crush the throttle on the Cougars' high-octane, high-energy offense.

Yes, that would be the same offense that outscored every opponent by at least 30 points last fall and lambasted UCLA, 81-0, a year ago.

Smyth is so exclusively focused on winning that it's the only stat he cares about — or even bothers to keep. He assumes Aikenhead and freshman flanker Kimble Kjar are the team's leading scorers. Their averages?

Forget about it.

"I'd only be guessing if I gave you numbers," Smyth said.

But for Smyth, the only numbers that truly matter are these: 12-1.

"BYU has perhaps the best rugby club in the country," Wilson said. "But we haven't been able to prove it."

Particularly on a national stage. The tournament championship of the National Rugby Union — the sport's governing body at the college level — is on Sunday, nullifying any chance of BYU competing in it.

"I think it's very unfair," Smyth said. "In the last few years it's become more and more frustrating because I go to the national championships every year and see how the final four teams would compare to ours. I won't say we'd be national champions every year, but we'd be dying close."

Recently, though, the NRU's brass announced it will push back their Sunday championship to Saturday. Whether that's to accommodate the Cougars or for other reasons, Smyth isn't certain. But, either way, he isn't buying the quick-fix deal.

"That's what they're saying is going to happen," Smyth said of the switch.

Does he think it actually will?

"That's a good question," he said, sighing. "It'll be interesting to see."

...ks College hoop stars commit to BYU for '97-98

By STEPHEN GORDON
Universe Sports Writer

...rcements from Ricks College are on the ...troubled men's basketball program next ...

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"I've always been a BYU fan. I don't think there's a better place to go to school and play basketball," Bower said.

Standing alongside Bower next season will be Peterson, whom the Salt Lake Tribune voted 4-A Player of the Year in 1993. He led Bountiful's Viewmont High School to a 24-0 record and a state championship that year.

Peterson's decision to come to BYU goes beyond just basketball. While the LDS atmosphere of BYU provided some motivation, he had another reason.

"I really wanted to stay in Utah and play basketball somewhere," Peterson said.

Both players will get their chance in helping turn around BYU's worst season ever. Bower is a pure shooter who can light up the outside. Peterson is more an all-around athlete who plays great defense and provides the needed intangibles.

Together, they've led Ricks to a 22-5 record this season and are looking forward to taking their game to another level.

They'll get their chance, along with the rest of next year's team.

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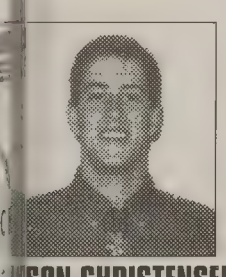

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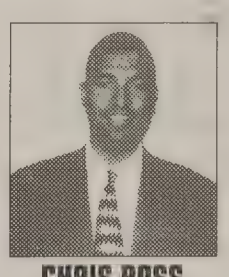

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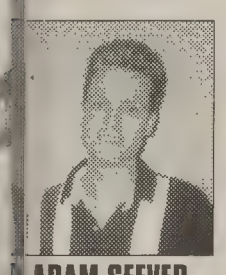

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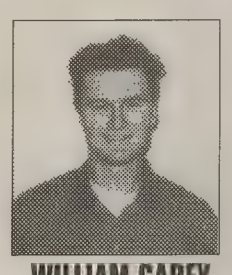

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BYU athletes honored for good grades

By MARK BROWN
Assistant Sports Editor

Athletes at BYU do actually study while they are here.

BYU's scholarly athletes were honored Tuesday night at the Cougar Club's annual Academic Athlete Honors Banquet. The Club honors those athletes that earned a grade point average of 3.2 or higher in either fall or winter semester 1996.

"You are to be doubly congratulated," said BYU President Merrill J. Bateman. "It is something spectacular to achieve this goal with the extra challenge of the discipline of a sport. We commend you for your extraordinary achievement."

The Cougar Club started the program in 1986. This year was a benchmark year for the athletes of the university, as 68 percent of BYU's 472 varsity athletes qualified as Academic Athletes. According to a press release, the number of athletes that have qualified has doubled since the program's inception.

The banquet featured President Bateman, as well as words of encouragement spoken by Greg Kite, a former standout basketball player at BYU and now helping as an assistant coach with the basketball team, and Cathy Nixon, who also played basketball here and is now the head coach of UVSC's women's program. Both commended the athletes for their dedication.

"Athletics represent a correlation to life," said Nixon, who was a four-year starter and an All-American while a Cougar. "That is why athletics are such a great thing. I encourage you to make a commitment to worthwhile goals. There are certain windows of opportunity presented to you and you need to be ready to take them when they come. Now is the window of opportunity. Conquer thyself — that is the key to motivation."

Kite, who played 13 years in the NBA, emphasized the importance of gaining an education while an athlete at BYU.

"Sports are unique. They can unite us and excite us. You are very important to the school and the community," Kite said. "Bear Bryant, (the legendary football coach at Alabama) once said 'No one ever rallied around a math class.' All of the awards you may receive will not be as valuable as the experience in education."

Although the athletes had to garner only a 3.2 GPA, the average for the athletes was 3.6. "The average of GPA of 3.6 among these athletes means that for every one of them that just barely qualified with a 3.2, another one has close to a 4.0. We are very pleased that at BYU, the term student-athlete is not an oxymoron," said Dale McCann, the executive director of the Cougar Club.

As is the case at each banquet, the athletes were issued a challenge by a Cougar Club board member. Kathy Mendenhall, a former volleyball player and current board member, issued the challenge Tuesday.

"We challenge you to continue to be successful in your academic work. Be determined while you're here to develop your athletic talent to the full potential. Decide to graduate as quickly as realistically possible. Finally, become a contributing member of the Cougar Club after you graduate," Mendenhall said.

MILE MANIA: Three members of the BYU women's track team broke the arena record for the indoor mile Saturday. Senior Melissa Teemant raced into first place, followed by Maggie Chan and Ashley Monahan. The BYU women also placed in the shot put, high jump, 200-meter race and 55-meter hurdles.

File Photo

Y runners crush Weber mile record

By DARREN WILCOX
Universe Sports Writer

Three distance runners on the BYU women's track and field team broke the arena record in the mile run at Weber State University Saturday.

Melissa Teemant led the way with a time of 4:52.96, 10 seconds faster than the Weber State arena record. With the official adjustment for the altitude in Ogden, her time is 4:48, placing her 17th nationally in the mile run.

Only a certain number of racers are selected to compete at nationals, but Teemant is optimistic. "They took the top 20 last year," said Teemant. She said she is working extra hard to make it to nationals because this is her last year of competition.

Maggie Chan took second in the mile with a time of 4:57.31, also faster than the arena record. Chan normally competes in the 3,000-meter run, but was asked to be the pace setter, or rabbit, for the mile race. "It was my first time ever [as the rabbit]," said Chan. "I was so surprised to finish that high."

Chan said she felt nervous before the race because of the added pressure of setting the pace for the other runners. As the rabbit, her job was to run faster than the other runners to push them to a faster pace and give them something to chase after. In fact, the rabbit name comes from dog racing where a mechanical rabbit races in front of the dogs, giving them something to chase after.

Ashley Monahan finished in fourth place — still faster than the arena record.

In other events, Tiffany Lott won the shot put with a toss of 48-11. It was the second best toss of her collegiate career and qualified her for nationals in the shot put.

The 200-meter run was won by Carolyn Avbovbede with a time of 25.59 seconds. Avbovbede, from Nigeria, was competing in her first meet.

In the high jump, freshman Jeana McDowell finished second with a jump of 5-9. McDowell's jump height tied that of the winner, but she still finished in second because she had more misses at that height than her competitor.

The 5-9 jump was a personal best for McDowell, who said she just missed on her last attempt at 5-11. "I should have started back farther," said McDowell, who said starting her approach too close caused her to miss at 5-11, leaving her in second place.

Kristin McQuade recorded a personal best in the 55-meter hurdles, but said the track was a factor in her 200-meter race. "It's hard to run a 200 [meter] at Weber because of the tight turns," said McQuade.

The team has a short week of practice ahead, as the Western Athletic Conference championships begin Thursday at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Committee proposes si for new baseball stadiu

By JOEL WHITE
Universe Sports Writer

Minor league baseball could come to Provo as early as the summer of 1998, according to Provo Mayor George Stewart.

With Salt Lake Buzz owner Joe Buzas and silent partner Karl Malone of the Utah Jazz spearheading the proposal to bring a Pioneer League team to Provo, the plans seem to be progressing nicely. But Provo still needs a ballpark.

"A few members of the city council made a committee and decided on a new site for the stadium, and it was decided that the area just east of the Seven Peaks Water Park would be the best," Stewart said.

The city plans to build a 3500-seat stadium near Seven Peaks. "We need some additional funding to be able to get it done. BYU may help out if their baseball team plays there," Stewart said.

"It will definitely be one of the three nicest parks in the state. It will be as nice as Franklin Quest Field (where the Buzz play), ju smaller scale. It won't have economic impact on Prov more of an entertainment i Sure, it's not Major League B or BYU football, which crowds of 50,000. But you Ogden (home of their own League team) — they draw 3,000 every game."

Stewart added the Desere did a poll last week of Pro zens and about 50 percent o polled said they would supp building of the ballpark and continue to support the team arrived.

Malone's proposed interest team has put this attempt t baseball to Provo ahead year's attempt by Sal investors, led by lobbyist Foxley, to bring a team to Pro

"He and Mr. Buzas are f and he really likes bas Stewart said. "I think he wants to be an owner of a team. I think most superstar to own the team they play for

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Associated Press

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Villiams, released by the 1994, the Angels in 1995 illies in 1996, is trying to in the Royals bullpen. 32, four years removed g up Joe Carter's World ning homer.

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Art Howe said he is not erned that Canseco, who will be a team leader, the rest of the squad on

blem, as long as he's ay," Howe said.

Eckersley left St. Louis' arly on Monday to have ight elbow examined. 42, reported the soreness ay's workout. He under- RI exam.

ust precautionary," Eckersley said at St. Petersburg, Fla. "It's just a little sore."

Eckersley appeared in 60 games last season, and saved 30 games. He is in his 22nd year in the majors and his second with the Cardinals.

Second baseman Mike Gallego was invited to camp as a non-roster invitee. Gallego, 36, played in 51 games with St. Louis last year and hit .210 in an injury-plagued season.

Cincinnati went through the formality of putting pitcher Jose Rijo on the 60-day disabled list.

Rijo, at one time the ace of the Reds' staff, has not pitched since July 18, 1995. He underwent elbow surgery that August, and since then has had surgery twice — last April to remove calcification, a bone formation and scar tissue, and in November to repair ruptured flexor tendon mass.

Rijo is in Birmingham, Ala., working with a physical therapist.

Greg Maddux spent his first day back with the Braves focusing on spring training rather than his free agent eligibility following this season.

"Free agency's something I haven't given a whole lot of thought. Right now, I'll throw on the side, get a fishing license, maybe teach my little girl how to fish," Maddux said Sunday at West Palm Beach, Fla.

Maddux, a four-time NL Cy Young winner, reported for camp a day late — but with the club's blessing. He attended his sister's wedding in Las Vegas before arriving in Florida.

Maddux will not say if he plans to re-sign with the Braves. Neither will his agent, Scott Boras.

"All I know is I've got a year left with the Braves, I like playing here and I haven't thought a whole lot about it," Maddux said. "I'm thinking about getting back to the postseason and doing a little better than last year."

Barry Bonds arrived at spring training and reiterated his desire to finish his career with San Francisco.

"Ever since 1968, when I was a kid, I went in the locker room with Willie (Mays)," Bonds said at Scottsdale, Ariz. "My kids are there. Everything I love is there. San Francisco is my home, I love playing there and I love being there."

During the last few weeks, Bonds had complained of not being loved in his hometown and had accused the Giants of lying to him by promising to make him the highest-paid player in baseball.

Bonds, signed through 1998 and entering the fifth year of a six-year deal worth $43.75 million, apologized for those accusations last week. Negotiations on a contract extension continue between the Giants and Bonds' agent.

Bad attitudes lead to Mavs/Nets trade

Associated Press

DALLAS — Don Nelson means business as front-office boss of the Dallas Mavericks.

Nelson dumped overweight center Oliver Miller promptly after his arrival 11 days ago, then traded Jamal Mashburn to Miami for three players. Nelson finished the purge Monday night with a staggering nine-player trade that sent Jim Jackson to the New Jersey Nets along with All-Star Chris Gatling and three others.

In return, the Mavericks got 7-foot-6 center Shawn Bradley, forward Ed O'Bannon and point guards Robert Pack and Khalid Reeves. The Nets also received guards Sam Cassell and George McCloud and center Eric Montross.

The trade is believed to be the largest between two NBA teams in the last 25 years, league spokesman Chris Brienza said. In 1964, there was an eight-player deal between Detroit and Baltimore involving Bailey Howell, Bob Ferry and Rod Thorn, now an NBA vice president.

Now the Three J's -- Jackson, Mashburn and Kidd -- are all gone, along with most every other player who started the season with the Mavericks.

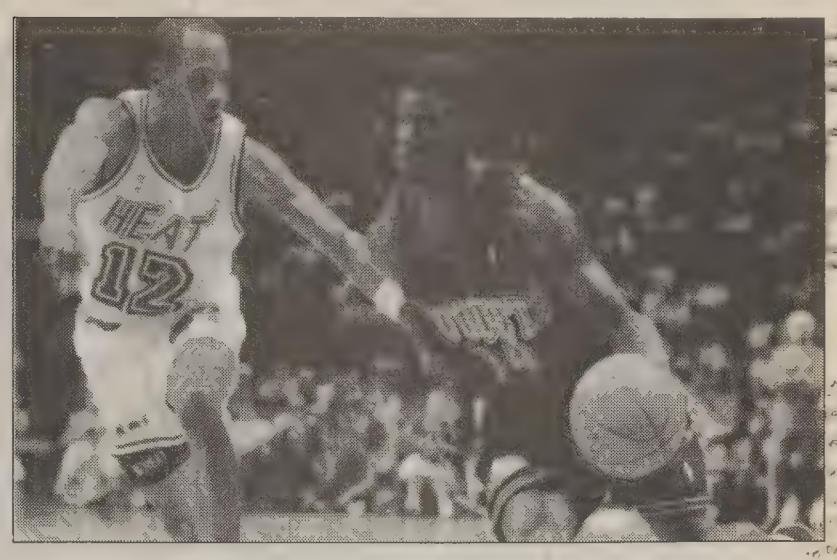
Though he didn't name players, Nelson said bad attitudes in the Mavericks' locker room prompted his swift and sweeping moves.

"There were just so many negative things about this ball club," he said. "This locker room shocked me. It's not acceptable and will not be acceptable from this point on. I observed it, watched it and basically got sick about it."

Coach Jim Cleamons, whose team is 16-31 in his first season, looked and sounded stunned by Monday's move.

"Obviously, Nellie thought there were things that had to be done, and he came in and made some changes," Cleamons said.

With this deal, Dallas has no players remaining from last season's roster.



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TRAVELING MAN: Robert Pack, shown here playing for the Denver Nuggets in 1994, was traded along with three other teammates from the New Jersey Nets to the Dallas Mavericks Tuesday. The trade was billed as one of the largest in NBA history. Pack will be playing for his fourth team in his young career.

"From the beginning of the season to now, we have traded away our top seven players," said McCloud.

The Nets, meanwhile, freed up $14 million under the salary cap in the next two years, allowing first-year coach John Calipari to pursue top free agents. "This is a trade for the future," Calipari said.

Both teams are struggling and the trade is not likely to make either a playoff contender this season.

Snowboarders achieve status of ski patrol at Silver Mountain

Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho — The demographics of skiing are changing, and the Silver Mountain Ski Patrol is reflecting those changes.

"An increasing percentage of guest visits are snowboarders," Silver Mountain Assistant Ski Patrol Director John Shippe said. "Snowboarding is the newest, fastest-growing area of winter recreation, and snowboarders comprise about half of our guests."

The 1996-97 ski season is the first year Silver Mountain has employed a full-time, paid snowboarder on the ski patrol.

"A lot of people who are medically proficient just happen to be snowboarders," Shippe said.

Snowboard Patrol Director Mark Raugh has many abilities to contribute: emergency medical technician, advanced high-angle rescue, outdoor emergency care, avalanche certification, firefighter certification, lifeguard certification and Arrow Ambulance technician.

Raugh, a Coeur d'Alene resident, just happens to ride rather than ski.

He started working at Silver Mountain five years ago as a lift operator. His first season on the patrol was as a volunteer for the 1994-95 season. He has championed snowboarding since he began eight years ago, saying the sport is not just for teen-agers with an attitude. Raugh has had to prove that boarders have a legitimate place on the ski patrol and the mountain as well.

"Snowboarders have gotten somewhat of a bad reputation thanks to a few punks, but we are trying to show people that there are good guys out there, too," Raugh said. "If we can all work, play and ride together, we can enjoy the frozen earth that God has given us to enjoy.

"I can act as a mediator; you know, talk the lingo, whatever it takes," Raugh said. Also, snowboarders can't say they are being picked on by the ski patrol anymore.

"We're all out there to do the same thing, so keep it positive," Raugh said.

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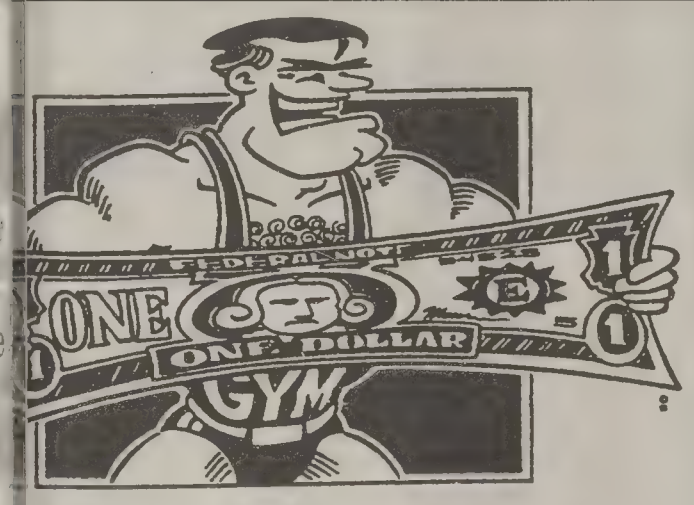

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Player complaints lead to Hill firing

Brian Hill was fired Tuesday as coach of the Orlando Magic, less than two seasons after leading the team to the NBA Finals.

General manager John Gabriel met with the players Tuesday morning and informed them of the decision to replace Hill, probably with Magic assistant Richie Adubato.

Several players emerged from the locker room and either declined comment or said they were not certain what was going to happen. Horace Grant, however, spoke of Hill in the past tense.

"You have to get your team up, and in some cases he didn't do that. But a lot of that falls back on us also," Grant said.

With Shaquille O'Neal now playing for the Los Angeles Lakers and Penny Hardaway out much of the season because of injuries, the team is off to a 24-25 start and stuck in a five-game losing streak since the All-Star break.

The firing reportedly was prompted by complaints from players that Hill's relationship with the team was deteriorating and that a change was needed to have any chance of salvaging the season.

"I don't think we lost confidence," Grant said. "... We both weren't getting it done. You have to take your hat off to Brian. He gave us some great years ... I feel bad for him as a person and his family."

Hill compiled a 191-104 record in three-plus seasons, won two Atlantic Division titles and earned playoff berths each year. The team reached the Eastern Conference finals the past two seasons and were swept by the Houston Rockets in the 1995 NBA Finals.

Discus plunks hoopster during practice

The flying object that hit New Mexico State guard Denmark Reid in the chest while he stood on a basketball court was not of the paper or coin variety. It was a discus from a track meet.

It happened Saturday inside Idaho's Kibbie Dome, where Reid and his Aggies teammate were practicing for their Big West game that night against the Vandals.

A track meet was going on at the same time in an adjoining area of the large dome.

About 20 minutes into the Aggies' practice, a discus sailed over one of the grandstands surrounding the basketball court and landed near where Reid was standing. The discus bounced once and struck Reid in the chest.

Reid went down and was attended to by New Mexico State trainer Mike O'Larey and trainers from the track meet. Reid bruised his sternum — and was left considerably sore — but returned to practice after taking about a 15-minute break.

"It was pretty painful at the time," Reid said. "Coach had just told the team that we needed to show some heart. I didn't see the thing coming. I turned around, and it hit me in the chest."

Reid had his best shooting night of the season Saturday, leading the Aggies' 88-55 win by scoring 19 points and going 5-for-7 on 3-pointers. He has made 66 3-pointers this season, eight short of Jeff McCool's school record.

Reid transferred to New Mexico State from Arizona Western, where he set the National Junior College Athletic Association record for 3-point goals in a career with 284.

Hobert traded to Bills for draft choice

The Buffalo Bills took advantage of Oakland's signing of Jeff George to grab one of the Raiders' backup quarterbacks, Billy Joe Hobert.

The Raiders traded Hobert to Buffalo on Monday for a third-round draft choice. The Bills called a news conference Tuesday at Rich Stadium to announce the deal.

"I see it as a great opportunity to start a career," Hobert said. "I've been in the league (four) years, and not once have I had a legitimate chance to be a starter."

The Raiders became interested in unloading Hobert after working out a deal during the weekend for George, a free agent who got a five-year contract reportedly worth $25 million. Hobert has been a backup since he was the Raiders' third-round draft pick in 1993.

"Billy Joe's progress went very well," Raiders senior administrator Bruce Allen said. "We believe he would be a good quarterback, but with the signing of Jeff George, it wouldn't be fair to Billy Joe. It's a logjam at quarterback."

Jim Kelly, the Bills' longtime starter at quarterback, recently retired.

Hobert, 26, will compete with former Michigan star Todd Collins, Kelly's backup for the last two years, for the starting job when the Bills open training camp.

It's the first major acquisition made by the Bills since Dan Henning became offensive coordinator.

Buffalo will pick up the remaining three years on Hobert's contract with the Raiders. The four-year veteran will make $760,000 this season and $1.5 million in each of the next two seasons. Collins' contract calls for him to earn $375,000 this season and $437,000 next year.

Rams prepared to go forward without Phillips

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Rams haven't given up on troubled running back Lawrence Phillips — yet.

A day after Phillips' latest brush with the law, new general manager and coach Dick Vermeil said Monday he doesn't believe he can count on last year's first-round draft pick. He said the organization is intent on helping Phillips, but the Rams are prepared to move on without him.

"The Rams are going to line up and play with or without Lawrence Phillips, OK," Vermeil said. "I'd just like him to be part of it so we can help him and he can help us."

The Rams haven't been able to help Phillips because they can't find him, and Vermeil wonders why a player would not contact his employer under such circumstances.

"Well, it sure would have been nice," Vermeil said. "But I don't think that's part of his background, I don't think that's part of his thinking."

Phillips' agent, Mitch Frankel, didn't immediately return a telephone message from The Associated Press.

Vermeil thought he had an understanding with Phillips two weeks ago after meeting with him for an hour. However, the latest arrest changed that.

Phillips, 21, was arrested early Sunday in Omaha, Neb., after cursing and threatening police officers who came to his hotel room. As police escorted him from the hotel, he threatened to beat up another person he fought with earlier in the evening, officers said.

Also, two women who attended the party at his hotel room accused Phillips and other p... of touching them inappropriately. On... told police Phillips poked her in the butt... a champagne bottle.

A man was cited for disorderly con... released, but none of the other party-g... ticketed. Phillips was released on $50 b... hearing was scheduled for March 10 in... County Court.

"Everyone else remained calm," of... Murray said. "Phillips could have wal... from this, too."

He already is serving three years' p... after pleading no contest in December t... en-driving arrest in California. That ca... he was serving a one-year probation fol... assault of a former girlfriend at Nebras... could lead to jail time.

Irish swimmer Smith focus of drug-test issue

Associated Press

LONDON — Irish swimmer Michelle Smith, who won three gold medals and a bronze at the Atlanta Olympics, faces a possible four-year ban if she again fails to make herself available for drug testing.

Smith, whose Olympic performances provoked allegations of drug use, was absent when a team of drug testers turned up at her home in Ireland four months ago, the sport's world governing body confirmed Monday.

While stressing that Smith was not yet in violation of its rules, the international swimming federation (FINA) said a second "no-show" could result in sanctions.

"The rules state that two no-shows is considered a violation and you may be sanctioned," FINA director Cornel Marculescu said. "We are not yet at this stage. To date, Michelle Smith does not violate FINA rules."

Smith has repeatedly denied using performance-enhancing drugs. Suspicions about Smith's phenomenal progress were raised in Atlanta by members of the U.S. team, including Janet Evans and women's coach Richard Quick.

In Atlanta, Smith won the 400 freestyle, 200 individual medley and 400 individual medley. She also took bronze in the 200 butterfly.

"I just have to laugh at it," Smith said in Atlanta of the rumors. "Every time I'm tested it's always negative, and I'm tested again and again and again. For every one time a person on the U.S. national team is tested, I'm tested five times."

Smith's lawyer, Peter Lennon, said Monday the swimmer missed the October test due to another commitment and reiterated that she is clean of drugs.

"If anybody has any evidence to suggest Michelle Smith took drugs, we'd like them to print it," Lennon said in Dublin. "There's only one thing that has emerged from all this trial by innuendo - nobody has any evidence that Michelle Smith took any performance-enhancing drugs."

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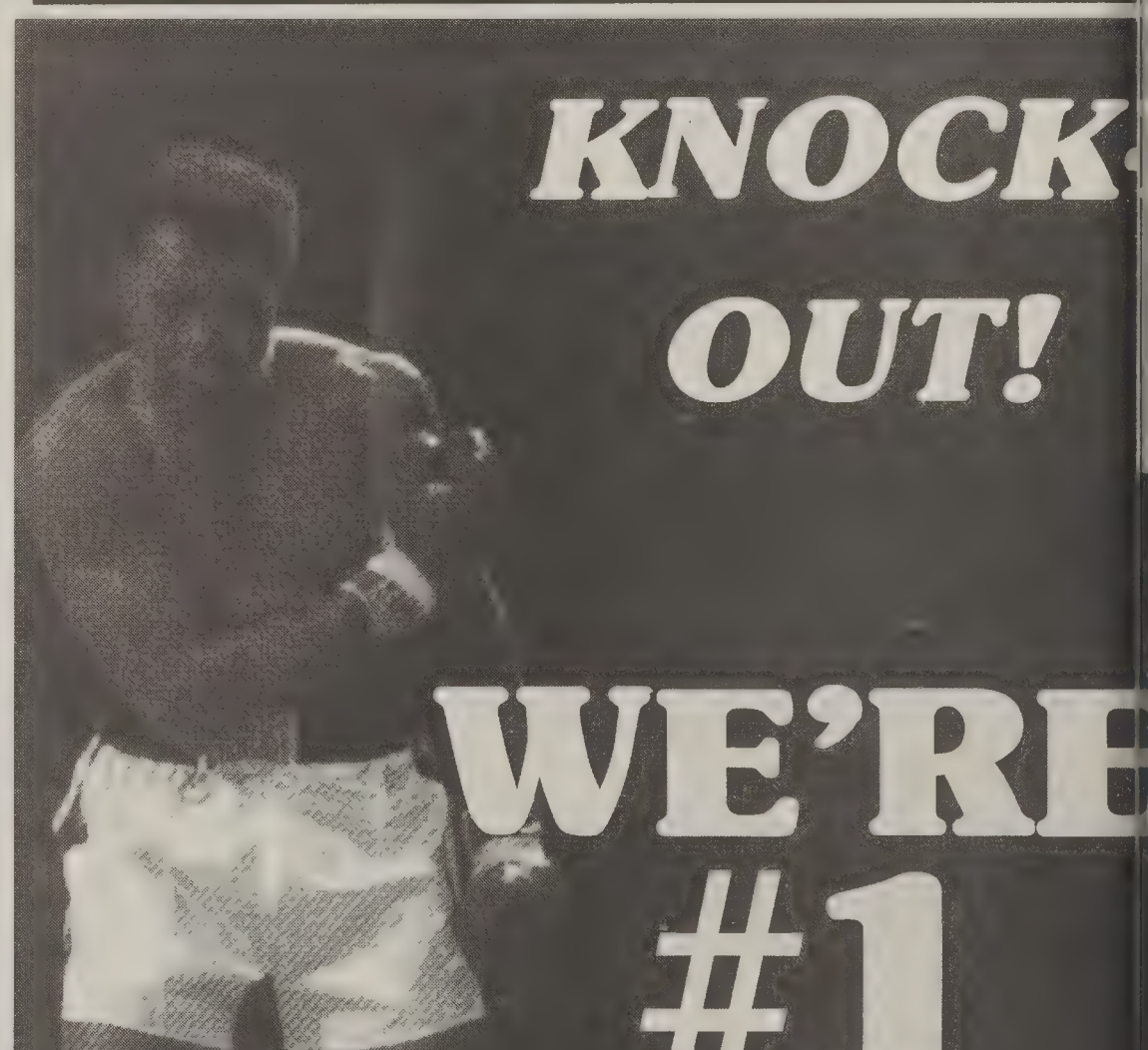

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gden man suspect in 13 attacks

Associated Press

N — The Ogden man questioned by police last the rape of a woman at Ogden City Cemetery is sidered the prime suspect in as many as 13 sexual the city since August.

ve Dave Lucas said the man, in his mid-20s, is in a rape and robbery at the Newgate Mall last s well as other attacks.

cope of the investigation is widening to all the es," Lucas said. "He is now being investigated on ings."

haven't arrested the suspect because they are the results of DNA testing on a sample of his

basically waiting on a DNA chain that has to sit ," Lucas said. "That's why it's going to take three

aid investigators are continuing to piece together uncovered last week in searches of the man's car after an attack at the cemetery.

vouldn't say what officers found in the searches. id the items link the man to other attacks.

have long suspected that a single suspect was le for at least six rapes or attempted rapes, start- an Oct. 3 assault on a 16-year-old girl in a church ot.

he attacks happened outside when the victim was r jogging alone.

gators were initially reluctant to link six other ttacks since December to the earlier attacks. Unlike the first attacks, in which the rapist was described as tall with dishwater blond hair, one recent victim said she believed her assailant was dark-skinned or Hispanic.

Although the varying descriptions caused investigators to pause, Lucas said it isn't uncommon for the trauma of a rape to blur details for victims.

"Just because the descriptions are varying doesn't mean we aren't going to check him on all the cases."

Last week's attack in the cemetery had Lucas rechecking a months-old investigation of the armed robbery and rape of a 21-year-old store clerk.

The woman was working in a Newgate Mall store last August when she was robbed at knife point, gagged with her own panty hose and raped in the bathroom of a store.

There were similarities in the words used by the rapist in the Newgate and cemetery attacks, Lucas said.

Lucas said the first substantial lead in the investigation came Feb. 11 when an officer on routine patrol noticed a car parked in the cemetery.

The vehicle had expired license plates and a broken-out window. Believing the car was stolen, the officer ran a check on it, but the investigation revealed it wasn't stolen.

The officer moved on to other calls and then remembered the car after a 52-year-old woman reported being raped just before 6 p.m. in another area of the cemetery.

The next day, the vehicle's license number led investigators to the man now suspected in the rapes.

Roy police also are pursuing the man's possible connection to the rapes of two women in that city Dec. 13 and Jan. 6. Police there say he is the first "really good suspect" they've uncovered.

use votes to retain, amend bill

itution bill create victims

Associated Press

AKE CITY — A committee day to hold onto a bill that w police to confiscate the n who solicit prostitutes.

members of the House Law ent and Criminal Justice e had concerns that Rep. th's bill would penalize pouses and other family by taking away the family

we should make laws t let's not create innocent the process," said Rep. low, R-Sandy.

ee members voted 5-4 to ill in order to let Barth con- ding it to address some of arns.

rent Utah law, officers can vehicles used to solicit , but they typically give . If Barth's bill becomes forcement will be allowed to keep the cars and the "johns" will still have to pay the loan.

"These guys aren't going to be able to go home and say the car was in a fender-bender and that it will be in the shop for a few days," said Barth, D-Salt Lake. "They're going to have to start fessing up."

He said the intent of the bill was to "go after the other side of prostitution."

Samatha Francis, who helped form the group Court Watch to crack down on prostitution, urged lawmakers to pass the bill.

"This is not a victimless crime," she said. "We are the victims — the citizens of Salt Lake City."

Arnold Gaunt of Forfeiture Endangers American Rights agreed legislators should do something to curb prostitution, but maintained Barth's bill was not the right answer.

The biggest problem, he said, is that innocent owners who let a spouse or friend borrow the car would have no way to defend their interests. An owner would not be able to get the vehicle back until after a trial is held.

"Why should there be this presumption of guilt where the vehicle is taken away and then given back only when innocence of a vehicle is proven?" Gaunt said.

Former Rep. Charles Bradford agreed. A borrowed Mercedes, for instance, could be forfeited with no due process.

"This is like swatting a fly with a sledge hammer," Bradford said. "There's no proportionality at all."

The committee considered tabling the bill but did not vote on that motion. It takes a two-thirds vote to reconsider a tabled bill, so committee members opted instead to hold onto it.

Rep. Gary Cox, D-Kearns, urged Barth to try to come up with a way authorities could punish those who solicit prostitutes without hurting innocent victims.

Barth said he was willing to address the committee's concerns, but added that prostitution already victimizes innocent spouses and other family members.

"You're right, it's tough and it ought to be tough because nothing else has worked," he said of his bill. "We're not attacking the right to own property, we're attacking the crime that the property is used in."

Ramsey case sends police back to Georgia

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — Police investigating the slaying of 6-year-old beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey completed a second trip to Georgia and traveled to an undisclosed location to continue their probe.

Boulder city spokeswoman Leslie Aaholm said Tuesday the detectives left the Atlanta area Monday night after interviewing 20 people.

"We still have detectives who are out of state," she said. Aaholm would not elaborate on their whereabouts or the purpose of their trip.

She also said police were still not prepared to name any suspects in the 8-week-old murder investigation.

So far, police have interviewed 110 people in Colorado, Georgia and other states.

The weekend trip to Atlanta, where the Ramsey family lived before moving to Boulder, produced about 35 hours of taped interviews, Aaholm said.

The Ramseys, who were in Atlanta over the weekend visiting relatives, were not interviewed. John Ramsey decided to stay for a while longer; his wife, Patricia, and their son, 10-year-old Burke, have returned to Boulder.

John and Patricia Ramsey have refused to give police a formal taped interview but have offered to meet with investigators on their own terms and have given handwriting and other samples.

Lucinda Ramsey Johnson, Ramsey's former wife and mother of two of his children, lives in Atlanta. She had said Boulder police wanted to talk to her and to several friends and relatives who spent Christmas with her, but Aaholm said they were not interviewed.

JonBenet, the 1995 Little Miss Colorado, was found strangled in the basement of her family's home Dec. 26.

She was beaten and sexually assaulted.

The body was found several hours after her mother said she found a handwritten note demanding a ransom for her return.

Patrick Korten, the Ramsey family's media consultant, confirmed that Boulder police have asked John Ramsey for a third handwriting sample.

He also said the Ramseys might put their Boulder home up for sale. Movers were seen hauling items out of the upscale Tudor house last week.

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FIELD OF QUESTIONS: Boulder, Colo. District Attorney answers questions at a news conference Thursday concerning the murder of the 6 year-old beauty queen. JonBenet Ramsey was found dead in her Boulder home Dec. 26, 1996.

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Big-city kids fare worst, study says

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Higher percentages of children in big cities are underweight when born, live in welfare-supported homes and drop out of high school, a children's advocacy group reported Tuesday.

Among the 50 largest cities, the highest children's poverty rates were in Detroit and New Orleans, 46 percent, and Miami, 44 percent; the lowest were in Virginia Beach, Va., 8 percent; Honolulu, 11 percent; and San Jose, Calif., 13 percent. The poverty figures in the City Kids Count report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation are based on 1990 census data.

Overall, the foundation looked at 10 factors affecting young people, including infant mortality, high school dropout rates, youth unemployment and single-parent households.

While some data used in assembling the report are five or six years old, they still can help policy-makers understand the plight of urban children, said foundation spokesman Bill Rust.

"It's the best information available and, given current trends, we see no indication that things are getting any better," Rust said.

"States are taking on a greater responsibility for social programs nationally, so they have to know where to focus," he added.

Big-city children were worse off than the national average in all 10 of the categories studied. Nine percent of big-city children were low-birth weight babies in 1994 compared with 7.2 percent nationwide.

In 1990 dropout rates for children aged 16-19, urban children outpaced children nationally 14 percent to 11 percent. Twenty-one percent of city children under 15 were living in homes receiving public assistance, compared with 12 percent nationally.

Detroit ranked last in several of the foundation's 10 categories, with 42 percent youth unemployment in 1990, 45 percent of small children living in welfare homes in 1989, and 60 percent of children living in single-parent households in 1990.

It also ranked last for children living in "distressed neighborhoods," a composite measure of areas with high concentrations of poverty, female-headed families, male unemployment and welfare dependency.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation was established in 1948 by Jim Casey, one of the founders of United Parcel Service, and his siblings, and named for their mother.

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Japan prepares for winter Olympics

The Nagano Olympic Committee unveiled this official poster for the Winter Olympic Games in 1998 in a ceremony in Tokyo Friday. The poster, which depicts a singing woman with a backdrop of snow-capped mountains of central Japan, was drawn by Koji Kinutani, a Japanese fresco specialist, using water color. The woman's hair is decorated with athletes playing winter events.

Gun dealers down, report sho

University Wire Service

Government statistics show that the number of federally licensed gun dealers has fallen 50 percent in the last three years.

The Treasury Department report, released two weeks ago, shows the drop occurred after new federal gun regulations were introduced in 1994.

Suzanne Miller, co-owner and president of M&C Army Surplus Inc. in Gainesville, Fla., said this is not necessarily a trend in the Gainesville area, but said she has noticed the effect on the gun market of some of the new regulations, especially the law requiring a person wanting to buy a gun to wait three days. This period, she said, allows the state to conduct an extensive background search on the individual.

William F. Pickett, co-o Pickett Weaponry Ser Newberry, Fla., said mos decline in the number of licensed gun dealers was du byists who choose to buy guns through the mail inst specialty shops.

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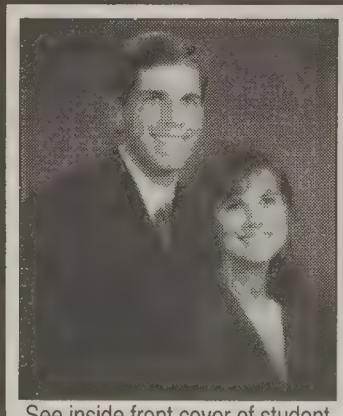

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Clinton criticized for raising money

Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Clinton returned to the political money circuit Tuesday, helping raise $1.2 million for a Democratic group that is ignoring his call for voluntary curbs on large donations. The White House shrugged off criticism.

After delivering two speeches about welfare reform, Clinton was the star attraction at a fund-raiser in a private home to benefit the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

The Senate committee and its counterpart in the House say they will not adopt Clinton's voluntary restraints unless Republicans follow suit. The GOP, outdistancing Democrats by better than a 2-to-1 margin in fund raising, has brushed off Clinton's proposal.

The president's move drew quick criticism from a political reform group.

"You are basically helping a group that is opposed to your views," said Ken Cooper, executive director of the Center for Responsive Politics. "It's a clear indication that he's not sincere or willing to put into practice what he preaches."

Presidential spokesman Mike McCurry took issue with Clinton's critics. "I strongly disagree with those groups," he said. "Campaign finance reform does not require taxpayers to pick up the bill for campaigns."

Clinton announced new fund-raising rules for the Democratic National Committee last month in the wake of admitted irregularities and Republican charges that he was selling White House access to big-money donors. The DNC's practices are under investigation by the Justice Department and Congress.

The new rules ban the DNC from accepting donations from people or companies with foreign ties and limit contributions from labor unions and wealthy benefactors. McCurry said the White House was not in a position to order the Senate and House to adhere to Clinton's rules.

A highway billboard on the president's motorcade route teased him about White House coffee klatches with donors: "Hey Mr. Clinton, Fairway coffee 35 cents a cup. White House coffee $200,000 a cup and ours tastes so much better."

Paul Johnson. executive director of the Senate committee, said Clinton's proposals were meant to fix problems that the Democratic National Committee experienced. "We've never had those problems," Johnson said. "Why try to fix something that's not broken?"

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> *— Mike McCurry*
> *Presidential spokesman*

Moreover, he said the Republican Senate campaign committee outspent the Democrats better than 2-to-1 last year. "For us to then adopt restrictive rules that would further do harm to our effort seems counterproductive."

He also said it would be difficult to determine what constitutes a foreign corporation.

"I think as a practical matter in this situation they (the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee donors Tuesday) would have fallen under their guidelines anyway," Johnson said.

The DSCC event, being held at the Manhattan home of telecommunications entrepreneur Shelby Bryan, attracted 120 people. There were two types of donors: those who gave $10,000 for individual Senate candidates, and those who gave $25,000 or more in "soft money" for party building and general expenses.

The campaign finance reform bill that Clinton is pushing would ban soft money. The White House said it was originally told that no soft money would be collected Tuesday; that proved to be erroneous.

McCurry, at a briefing last Friday, said, "The president has a problem with soft money, but it's going to be raised and it's going to be raised until such time as we pass McCain-Feingold (the reform bill) and outlaw it."

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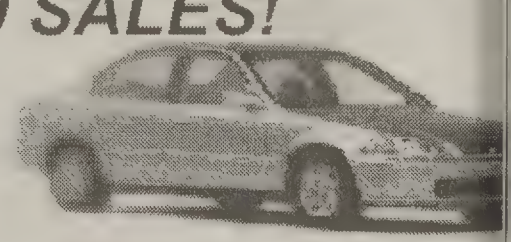

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u Pont pleads insanity

Associated Press

Pa. — A defense attorney Tuesday to find multimil- in E. du Pont innocent by nsanity of murdering an estler, saying they have an o help him get better.

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Pleas Judge Patricia as scheduled to instruct he law after lunch and then would begin deliberations.

ho had heard three weeks ny by 43 witnesses, must ether the chemical fortune heir is guilty of murder, innocent by reason of insanity or guilty but mentally ill.

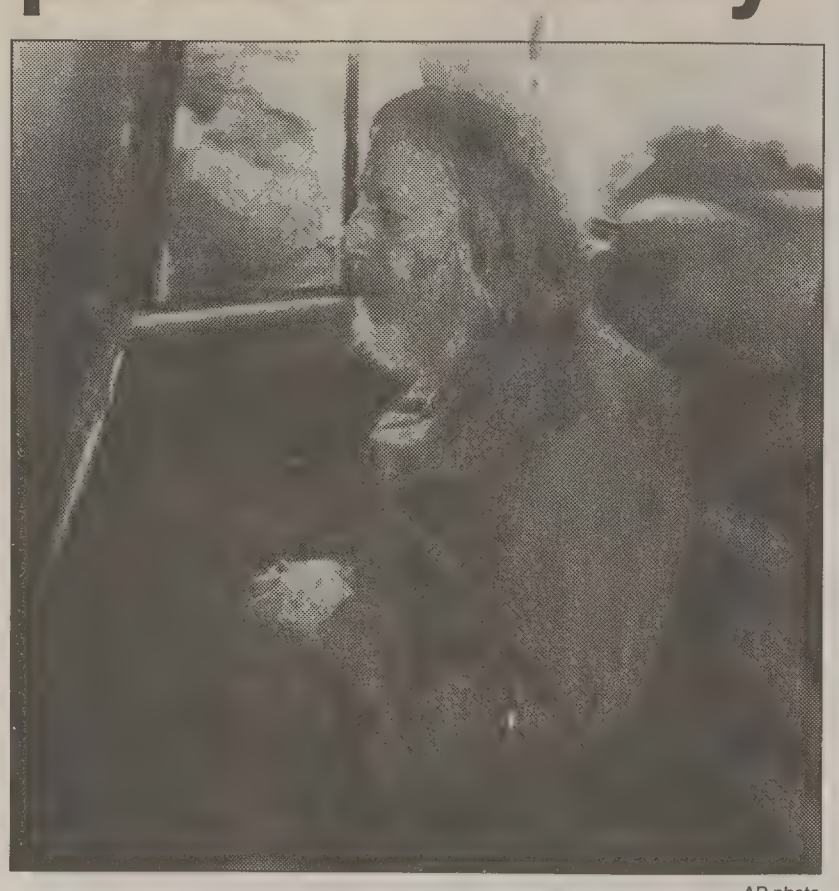
Both sides agree that Du Pont, 58, killed Schultz in January 1996 at the multimillionaire's estate. Schultz, 36, a gold medalist at the 1984 Olympics, was living there with his family while training for the Atlanta Olympics.

Two psychiatric experts for the prosecution testified that du Pont suffered from an unspecified mental illness with psychotic delusions but was not insane.

Four defense psychiatrists said du Pont's mind was racked by paranoid schizophrenia, a mental disease that distorted his perception of reality and made him believe Schultz was an agent of an international conspiracy to kill him.

Witnesses testified that du Pont had delusions of being the Dalai Lama, the Christ Child, the last Russian czar and other grandiose figures.

If convicted of murder, du Pont could face life in prison. Under a verdict of innocent by reason of insanity, he would be sent to a mental hospital and could be freed if he were ever deemed cured. If found guilty but mentally ill, he would undergo mental treatment and, if ever considered cured, serve a prison sentence.



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'KALEIDOSCOPE OF MADNESS': Multi-millionaire John E. du Pont was found by defense psychiatric experts to be racked by paranoid schizophrenia. He is now on trial for the murder of Olympic wrestler Dave Schultz, brother of BYU wrestling coach, Mark Schultz.

S. pays clinics to not train doctors

Associated Press

ORK — In the medical- valent of agricultural subsi- way farmers to hold down on the federal government is 0 million to 41 New York train fewer doctors.

Health Care Financing nion, part of the Department and Human Services, will oney out over the next six ng that period, the hospitals 2,000 fewer medical resi- rease of about 20 percent.

Medicare has been giving incentive to hire more res- uce Vladeck, administrator Health Care Financing ination, said in a statement We need to change that."

aid Tuesday that the pro- od idea.

a feeling in the country that icians are being produced eded, looking at long-term " said Dr. Allan Rosenfield, lumbia University's School of Public Health. "It's an attempt to help hospitals change the way they provide care by decreasing the number of residents gradually."

The money comes from the Medicare system, which pays teaching hospitals an average of $87,000 for every resident they train. Under the new system, participating hospitals will get some of that money for every residency slot they leave vacant, but the amount will decrease each year for six years. By the seventh year, the subsidy will be gone.

The $400 million paid out will be $300 million less than the cost of maintaining the residency program at current levels.

"As silly as it sounds, it makes some sense," said Art Levin, director of the Center for Medical Consumers in New York.

Levin said, "There is little doubt that we need to slow down the production of new doctors." But he also said that withdrawing funding for resident training all at once would threaten the fiscal health of many teaching hospitals, which provide much of the care poor people receive.

"If you just simply cut it off," Levin said, "you're going to be cutting off the ability of these hospitals to care for poor people."

The program is a pilot effort and is being conducted only in New York.

The Greater New York Hospital Association, which represents hospitals, endorsed the program.

"Participating hospitals will be partially cushioned from financial loss as they reduce the number of residents they train and restructure their training programs," said the group's president, Kenneth E. Raske.

Rosenfield predicted that many of the medical students shut out from residencies will be from abroad.

Heart disease in U.S. declines

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Deaths from heart disease in the United States are declining mostly because of better drugs and other treatments — not because people are warding off trouble by leading healthier lives, a study suggests.

Only 25 percent of the decline in heart disease deaths between 1980 and 1990 can be attributed to people who have never had heart problems taking such steps as quitting smoking and staying slim, researchers estimate.

The rest of the improvement came from averting further problems in people who have heart disease and from improved treatment, researchers reported in Wednesday's issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

About 400,000 people die each year from heart disease in the United States, accounting for one-third of all deaths. Heart-disease deaths decreased 3.4 percent each year during the 1980s, according to the government.

The researchers' conclusions were based on a computer model they created to forecast trends in heart disease. They used a variety of sources — medical literature, government statistics, health surveys and clinical trials.

Two researchers not involved in the study — Dr. Beatriz L. Rodriguez of the American Heart Association's Council on Epidemiology and Prevention and cardiologist Dr. Philip R. Liebson of Rush Medical College in Chicago — said it failed to consider some important variables, such as the presence of diabetes, levels of physical activity and whether people took aspirin or hormones.

"Our goal should be not just to prolong life among sick people but to keep people healthy, and only primary prevention will help us to accomplish that," said Rodriguez, a professor of medicine at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

In the JAMA study, the researchers — led by Dr. Maria G.M. Hunink, then of Harvard School of Public Health and now of the University of Groningen in the Netherlands — said the computer model explains 92 percent of the decline in heart disease deaths in the 1980s.

The computer model estimated that 25 percent of the decline was due to primary prevention. That means stopping heart problems before they start by quitting smoking and controlling blood pressure, cholesterol and weight.

Twenty-nine percent of the death-rate reduction was explained by secondary prevention — heading off problems in people who already had heart disease, whether through drugs, surgery or altered diet and lifestyle.

GIFTED *from page 1*

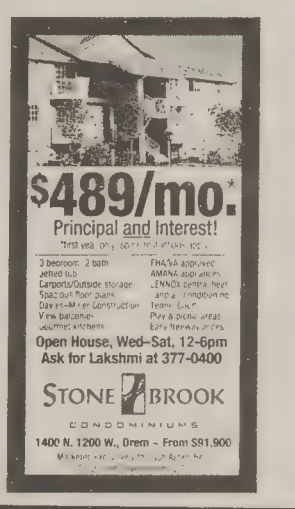
"In reality, it's dropped a hornet's nest in the districts' laps without providing the resources to deal with it. We cannot afford to have gifted education dropped because other programs seem more pressing," Oboardi said.

Further criticizing the action, Oboardi said, "There is no logical connection between Accelerated Learning programs and the other programs in the new category. The needs of gifted children will be obscured in the debate on Adult Education and 'At Risk' programs. Our children will be the real losers in the action."

"No other state in the union deals with gifted programs in this way," said Paul Shepherd, UAGC vice president for advocacy. "I believe the legislators will change their minds when they understand how damaging loss of dedicated funding will be to children.

"UAGC had nearly 1000 members. Our parents, educators and administrators are constituents in every district in the state. Our children's education will suffer from discontinuation of Accelerated Learning funding. We hope to persuade the subcommittee to revisit the issue," Shepard said.

Ironically, the House Education Standing Committee recently passed a resolution, HR5, encouraging the development of accelerated programs.



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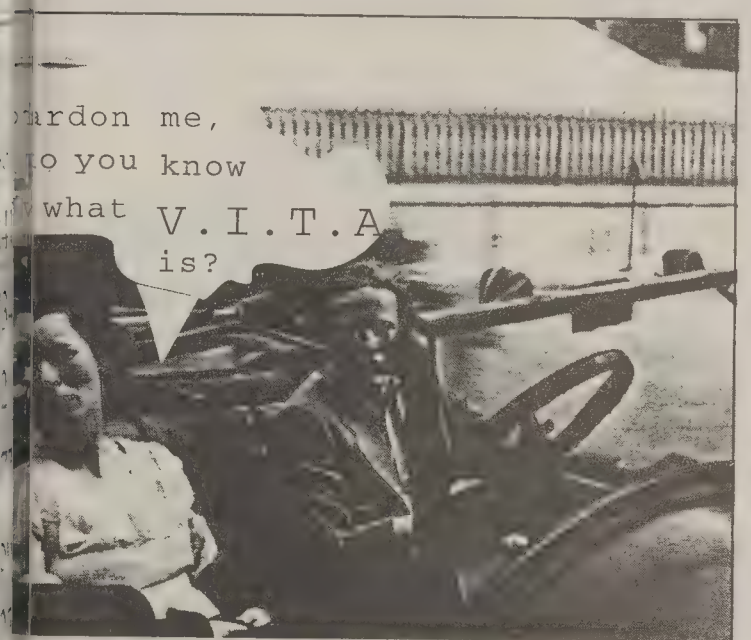

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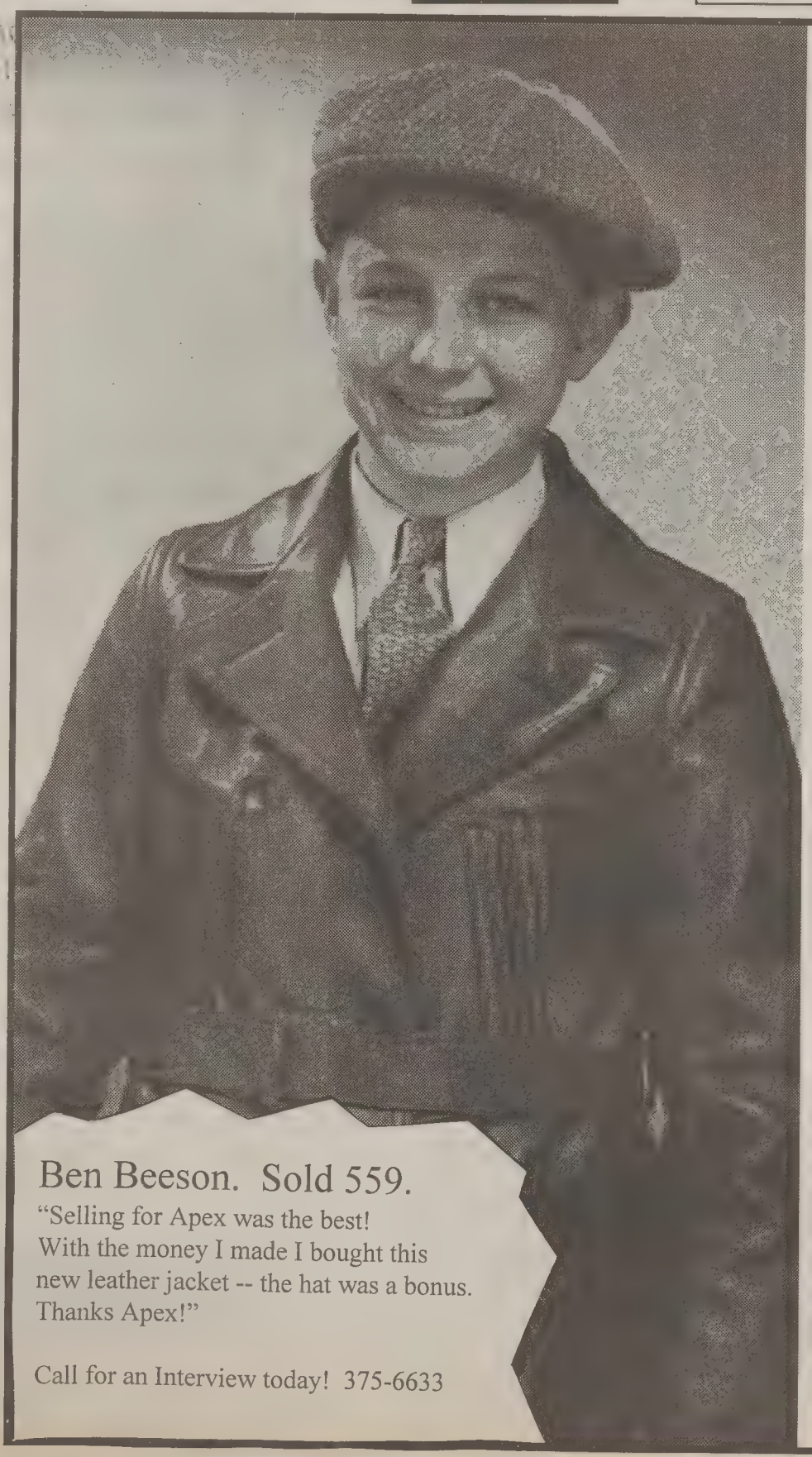

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Police lend cell phones to catch stalkers

Associated Press

PROVO — Police in Provo are lending out cellular phones, hoping that victims of stalking or violent crimes can save themselves with the push of a button.

AT&T Wireless Services recently donated five emergency cellular phones to the Provo Police Department. They are programmed to dial 911 at the touch of a button.

The department will loan the phones to those being stalked or threatened with violent crimes and they will be returned once the perpetrator has been arrested or stops stalking the victim.

"More than half the time we respond to the scene of a domestic violence incident, the phone has been pulled out of the wall or damaged in some way," said Vicky Proctor, coordinator for the Provo Police Department Victim Assistance program.

"If the perpetrator can cut off the victim's communication with others who can help, then he is in control."

Sometimes abusers are skilled at avoiding police and know how to keep from being caught.

"Stalking is a difficult crime to arrest someone for," Proctor said. "If you don't see them doing it, you can't arrest them."

That is where the phones will help police as well as victims.If someone is being stalked by vehicle, the victim can call the police, who can then observe the situation and make the arrest, Proctor said.

"The phones really aren't designed to give to individuals, but more to groups like neighborhood watch organizations," said Pat Watson, public affairs manager for AT&T Wireless. "But with the Provo department, we saw a direct need for crime prevention purposes."

AP photo

TRUE PATRIOTISM: Tina Verduzco received a hug from Gwen Oliver before taking her oath to become a US citizen. Verduzco of Antioch, Calif. came to the United States from Colima, Mexico after a train cut off her legs when she was four.

Navajos, Leavitt negotiate lawsui

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The Navajos living in San Juan County want to settle their lawsuit over the state's handling of a multi-million dollar trust fund, despite a recent federal appeals court ruling in their favor.

Navajo leaders met with Gov. Mike Leavitt Monday to discuss the case and presented their resolution offering to have a mediator resolve the dispute. The Utah Navajo Commission approved the resolution last week.

Leavitt said he would rather see the divisive issue settled through negotiation rather than fight it in court.

"We both agreed we had been spending a lot of time and money on this," Leavitt said.

The commission also mailed the offer and a letter to Attorney General Jan Graham, urging her to drop her request for a hearing before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Utah Navajos strongly believe the lawsuit has merit, deserving of a fair hearing and are alarmed that the Attorney General's Office is pursuing outright dismissal with a vengeance," wrote Victor Joe Jr., commission chairman.

"We will review the terms and make a recommendation to Gov. Leavitt," said Todd Utzinger, spokesman for the attorney general. "We are always open to possibility of resolving without litigation."

Earlier this month, the 10 Court of Appeals rejected t request to reconsider a ruling the trust fund lawsuit bac court.

In December, a three-judge the circuit court ruled una that Utah was obligated to o fund. It was a major victor tribal members who sued the behalf of all San Juan Navajos nearly five years ag

The Navajos want the restore millions of dollars e from the tribal trust fun money can be used the way intended — to improve imp living conditions on the sou Utah section of the Navajo N

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Estrogen aids bone density in older women, researchers say

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CHICAGO — A new study suggests that for women in their 60s, it may not be too late to start taking estrogen to strengthen their bones.

Researchers from the University of California at San Diego found that some women who didn't start using estrogen until many years after menopause had bone density similar to that of women who had been taking the hormone since menopause.

The findings were reported in Wednesday's issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

Estrogen is frequently prescribed to women to head off osteoporosis, a slow thinning of the bones that begins after 40. In some women, the bones become so fragile that they break easily.

There is disagreement about when to start and stop estrogen therapy, so researchers studied 740 white women ages 60 to 98 — women who never used estrogen; past users who started at menopause; past users who started after 60; current users who started after 60; and current users who started at menopause.

They found the highest bone density in women who started estrogen during menopause and continued to the present, for an average of 20 years. But they found surprisingly similar bone density in current users who had started after age 60, for an average of only nine years' use.

Women in their 70s who had started estrogen within two years of menopause but stopped it after an average of 10 years had only slightly better bone density than women who never used it.

Oklahoma witness recants story

Associated Press

DENVER — A mechanic testified Tuesday he may have been mistaken about some details in a description he gave of a man who rented the truck used in the Oklahoma City bombing.

Tom Kessinger, a mechanic at Elliott Body Shop in Junction City, Kan., said the man he identified as John Doe No. 1 may not have worn camouflage clothing as he told FBI agents shortly after the bombing.

"I just believe I was (mistaken) because I couldn't see that much of his body from where I was sitting," Kessinger said, adding that he also was not certain how much the man weighed.

"Ninety percent of the people that come in that place wear `camos,'" he said at a hearing.

Kessinger is one of several potential eyewitnesses the prosecution plans to call for the trial of Timothy McVeigh, who he has identified as the man who rented the truck used in the bombing.

During the hearing that began Tuesday, defense attorneys are asking a federal judge to suppress testimony by eyewitnesses because of publicity surrounding McVeigh's arrest.

Prosecutors have not said which eyewitnesses they plan to call, but they recently dropped two people from the potential list, including the only person who said he might have seen McVeigh in Oklahoma City the day of the bombing.

That witness, William H. Dunlap III of Oklahoma City, has said he saw someone resembling McVeigh get out of a Ryder truck in front of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building about 40 minutes before the bombing, but he could not be certain it was McVeigh.

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pecial envoy Mohamed , who traveled Saturday to 's jungle hideaway in the tern town of Gbadolite, indi- esday that Mobutu and his ent might be ready for talks. is a political will to help me ission, and my mission is r ... to focus on the immedi- tion of hostilities," Sahnoun ws conference.

n, who was to meet with irian government officials leaving for Rwanda on ay, said he also was willing Kabila.

AP photo

HUNGRY FOR PEACE: Residents of Goma, Zaire struggle at the gates of a warehouse in November, snatching up the last bits of food left after rebels took control of parts of Zaire. Diplomatic leaders will meet this week to negotiate.

U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said in New York that Sahnoun had a draft peace agreement that he will try to negotiate with the warring parties.

Zairian government airstrikes on three towns — Bukavu, Walikale and Shabunda — that aid workers say killed seven people Monday should not prevent the negotiation process from beginning, Eckhard said.

But Kabila indicated his offer to negotiate may be withdrawn because of the airstrikes. "If this continues, there will be no need for negotiations anymore," he said.

All seven deaths and more than 20 injuries reported by aid workers from Monday's bombings were in Bukavu. There were no casualty reports available from Shabunda and Walikale, two other towns under the control of Kabila's Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire.

On Tuesday, Defense Ministry spokesman Leon Kalima said that the government had resumed its assault on Bukavu, but relief workers there denied that any bombs had been dropped.

"Our staff reported no bombings Tuesday," said Paul Stromberg, a U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees spokesman in neighboring Rwanda.

The U.N. World Food Program, which has workers in Bukavu, also said there were no attacks Tuesday.

Kalima urged civilians to leave rebel-held areas in eastern Zaire.

"From a strategic point of view I'm not sure that it's changed anything, not tactically, although it would have caused a bit of panic," said Paul Beaver, spokesman for Jane's Defense Weekly in London.

Girl's death hidden for more than a year

Associated Press

NEW YORK — When 8-year-old Justina Morales disappeared more than a year ago, her school and child welfare workers failed to notice and her mother kept quiet.

Now, police are searching for Justina's body, following a confession from her mother's ex-boyfriend, Luis Santiago, that he beat the girl to death with a metal pipe, investigators said.

The case raises questions about how Justina could have vanished without drawing the attention of her public school or a child welfare worker who had investigated why she missed so many classes.

The girl's mother, Denise Solero, took Justina out of her school around the time of the killing and enrolled her in another school. But officials apparently never investigated when the child failed to show up at her new school, and authorities didn't know the girl had disappeared until last week.

Solero, 29, who now lives in a battered women's shelter, was too afraid of Santiago to tell police about her daughter's death, said her lawyer, Michael Dowd.

"He had threatened her and other members of her family's lives if she ever spoke," Dowd said.

Acting on a tip from a friend of Solero, police arrested Santiago, 23, Sunday. He was being held without bond on a murder charge.

According to the criminal complaint, Santiago confessed to fatally beating the girl Dec. 31, 1995. Dowd said Santiago was trying to hit Solero with the pipe when he accidentally struck Justina.

Police were searching for the girl's body in vacant lots around the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, using shovels, dogs and sometimes bulldozers.

As for Solero, her lawyer said he didn't think she would be charged. But Kathleen Wilcox, a spokeswoman for the Brooklyn district attorney, said Solero was still under investigation.

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"I'd hate to face legal consequences," he said.

Last week, however, another Utah outdoor advertiser, Bill Reagan, refused to make billboards for a local rock 'n' roll station that featured a pair of men dressed unmistakably like Mormon missionaries. Reagan said he was concerned the billboard might be offensive.

Brent Ward, the former U.S. attorney for Utah and a member of Citizens for Positive Community Values, said Dyer's attack on Young was nothing more than a "diversion" from Senate Bill 244.

That bill, sponsored by Sen. Craig Taylor, R-Layton, would adopt a much more stringent definition of nudity and then make it much easier for prosecutors to pursue charges.

The measure met with concerns of committee members, who worried that it could be used to prosecute nude models in art classes, nudity in legitimate plays or consenting adults who choose to get naked with one another.

"This would apply to an amazingly wide range of things," said attorney Andrew McCollough, who represents the state's Naturist Society. "This is a shotgun approach ... it's outrageously overbroad."

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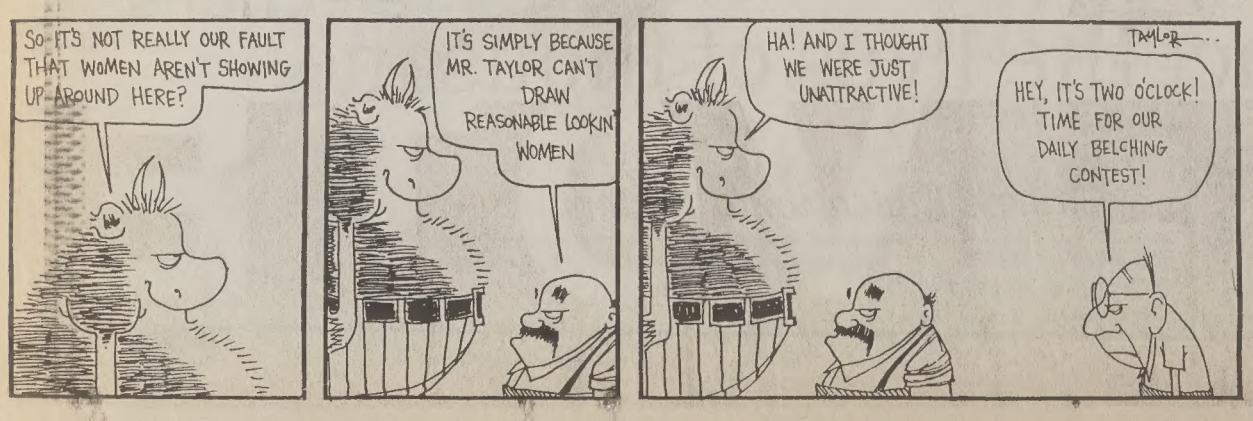
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ABA's role called into question

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The American Bar Association has become too political, they should no longer play such an influential role in screening federal court nominees, the Senate Judiciary Committee chairman said Tuesday.

"The ABA should henceforth play no official, quasi-constitutional role in the Senate's confirmation process," said a news release issued by the committee for Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

Jeanne Lopatto, committee spokeswoman, said the release's wording had been reviewed by Hatch. The text of a speech Hatch delivered to the University of Utah law students Tuesday, however, stopped short of calling for an end to the ABA's role.

"I think the time has come ... to decide what role, if any, the ABA should play in the Senate's judicial confirmation process," read the speech text, a copy of which was released by the Senate committee.

Hatch has made similar comments since 1989, but never before had said he will seek an end to the special judicial-selection role the ABA has played since 1952.

The ABA's Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary is asked by the president to investigate all judicial nominees and rate their professional qualifications. A "not-qualified" rating almost always sinks a nomination.

"The ABA's clear evolution into a political interest group, combined with the fact that other organizations are asking to be granted a role similar to the ABA's in the confirmation process, has persuaded Chairman Hatch that the ABA should enjoy no official role different from any other organization," the committee release said.

ABA President Lee Cooper, a Birmingham, Ala., lawyer, said, "Sen. Hatch has always treated us fairly in the past, and I would expect him to treat us fairly in the future.

"The ABA's Committee on the Federal Judiciary never considers politics or ideological views," Cooper said. "It deals only with professional qualifications .... We will continue to render our opinion and continue to send it to the Senate. The Senate is free to accept or reject our findings."

Urine, soda, coffee used as hydraulic fluid

Associated Press

OGDEN — Three South Ogden men used all their resources — left over coffee, a can of soda and the contents of their bladders — to keep a single-engine aircraft in the air after its hydraulic fluid leaked out.

Pilot John Strahan and two golfing friends, Colton Scholtec and Keylan Worral, were bound for Mesquite, Nev., for a golf tournament Feb. 6. A half-hour out of Ogden, the pilot noticed the plane's hydraulic fuel had all leaked out.

He turned back toward Ogden Municipal Airport and radioed for help.

Ogden Fire Capt. Dan Harmon said two fire trucks and an ambulance waited on the airfield and prepared for a crash landing.

Strahan circled, unable to lower his front landing gear or to retract the back gear, which would lower only part of the way.

"The pilot was going to just keep flying around and try and burn some of his fuel," Harmon said. Eventually, Strahan would have been forced to land the plane on its belly.

A mechanic in the air-traffic control tower saved the day.

He told the passengers where to find the hydraulic fluid reservoir and told them to dump in any liquid they could find.

"He said 'coffee, Coke, blood, pee, whatever,'" Harmon recalled.

Strahan said he put leftover coffee and a can of pop in the reservoir.

When that failed to do the trick the three men passed around a cup.

"We had to urinate into this big cup and ... fill the reservoir that way," Strahan said.

Sure enough, the plane's landing gear slowly went into place and the aircraft touched down without incident.

After the plane landed safely, the three men leaped out and kissed the ground, Harmon said.

"The old-timers tell me if you fly long enough eventually something like this is going to happen to you," Strahan said.

"So I guess I've had my once-in-a-lifetime scare. I hope once in a lifetime is enough for me."

ACLU chides gay lawmakers

Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — Outraging members of the state Legislature, the head of the American Civil Liberties Union in the Dakotas is threatening to expose gay lawmakers who vote to ban homosexual marriages.

"If they're going to be hypocritical, then they need to have that hypocrisy exposed," Keith Elston, who is himself gay, said Tuesday.

He made the threat to "out" lawmakers he believes are gay in a column last week in a weekly arts and entertainment guide published in Grand Forks.

The legislation at issue would deny recognition of same-sex marriages performed in other states and explicitly define a marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

Elston said he knows of a couple of legislators who are homosexual.

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> *— Keith Elston American Civil Liberties Union*

"He is absolutely off the wall," said Senate Majority Leader Gary Nelson, a Republican. "I'm going to support my people when they start suing him, if he's idiotic enough to do anything about it."

Republican Sen. Wayne Stenehjem said it was "repulsive" for the ACLU, which emphasizes privacy rights, to threaten to expose homosexual lawmakers.

The national ACLU is "behind me 100 percent," Elston said. Calls to the organization's New York headquarters were not immediately returned.

Last year, after voting against federal recognition of same-sex marriages, Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., reluctantly acknowledged he is gay. He said a gay magazine was about to identify him as homosexual.

New drug helps fight strokes

University Wire Service

Strokes are the third leading cause of death in the United States, claiming over 500,000 lives each year, and is the leading cause of disability.

In the desperate search for an effective and standard treatment for strokes, a group of UCLA physicians, led by Dr. John Frazee, are conducting a Food and Drug Administration clinical trial on what they call "back door" therapy.

The name of this newly discovered therapy is Neuroperfusion.

A stroke occurs when the brain is deprived of its vital blood supply due to a blockage in the arteries. As a result, this part of the brain dies, and the patient loses the ability to perform functions associated with the damaged part of the brain.

Strokes have been considered an untreatable affliction until a year ago, when the drug Tissue Plasminogen Activator was approved for clinical use by the FDA, Frazee said.

When administered intravenously, TPA clears blockages in the arteries that may be causing the stroke. However, this therapy is not perfect, Frazee said.

"This drug must be used within the first three hours (and) that's hard to do because the population of patients and physicians are still poorly educated," Frazee said.

Explaining that it is difficult for both doctors and members of the general population to recognize symptoms of a stroke, he also said many people still think that stroke is untreatable.

"The other issue with TPA is that it's like Drano ... it takes a period of time to dissolve the blood clot," Frazee said.

However, there is the possibility TPA may not reach all the affected tissue. "The tissue beyond, which isn't getting the oxygen and glucose that it needs, may continue to die," Frazee said.

Until recently, strokes weren't considered to be a medical emergency. However, Frazee said UCLA has always been at the forefront of stroke research and education for at-risk groups.

"Up until last year there was basically very little in the way of treatment for stroke," Frazee said.

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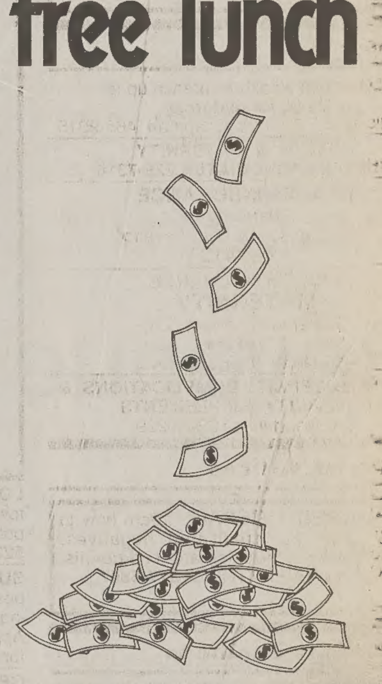

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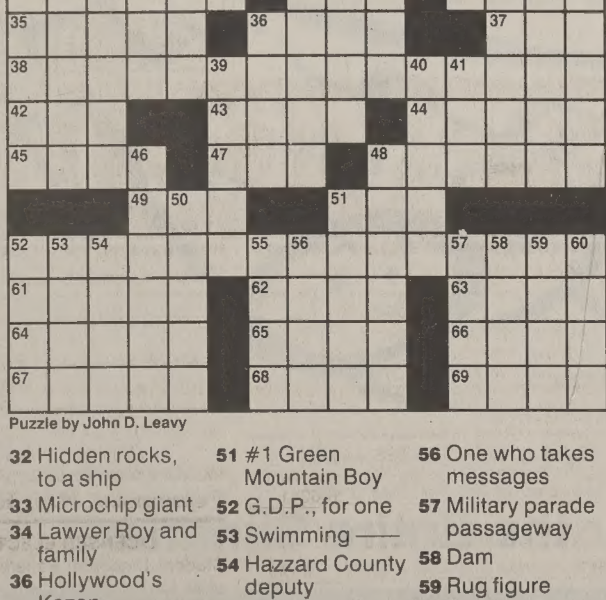

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Utah deemed a job land mine

By BART JARMAN
Universe Staff Writer

The Utah Department of Employment Security or "Job Services" was recognized last week by the U.S. Department of Labor for its high regional ranking in finding employment for job applicants.

"Year after year, Utah Job Service excels in carrying out its basic mission of finding people jobs," said Peter E. Rell, regional administrator for employment and training in Denver. "It's this type of outstanding performance that helped make our region number one in the country."

Utah ranked first last year in the Rocky Mountain Region, in the percentage of applicants that found employment through Job Services. Nationally, the Rocky Mountain Region led all other regions.

The Department of Labor reported that Utah Job Service placed 38 percent of the total applications received.

More than 80 percent of all migrant and seasonal farmworkers that applied through Job Services in Utah found work, compared with just 49 percent nationally, and more than 50 percent of veteran applicants found jobs, compared with the national average of 25 percent.

The Provo branch office of Utah's Job Services handled more than 38,000 applications for employment last year and filled 20,220 job openings, said Raymond McPherron, Provo placement supervisor for Job Services.

The local office received 9,637 job orders last year from local businesses.

"Job orders relate to our responsibility and effectiveness for our employers," McPherron said. "BYU is the biggest employer in the county."

The Provo office receives job orders from more than 6,000 different employers in the county. The Provo office does receive many more applications that it has positions for, but the placement percentage is good.

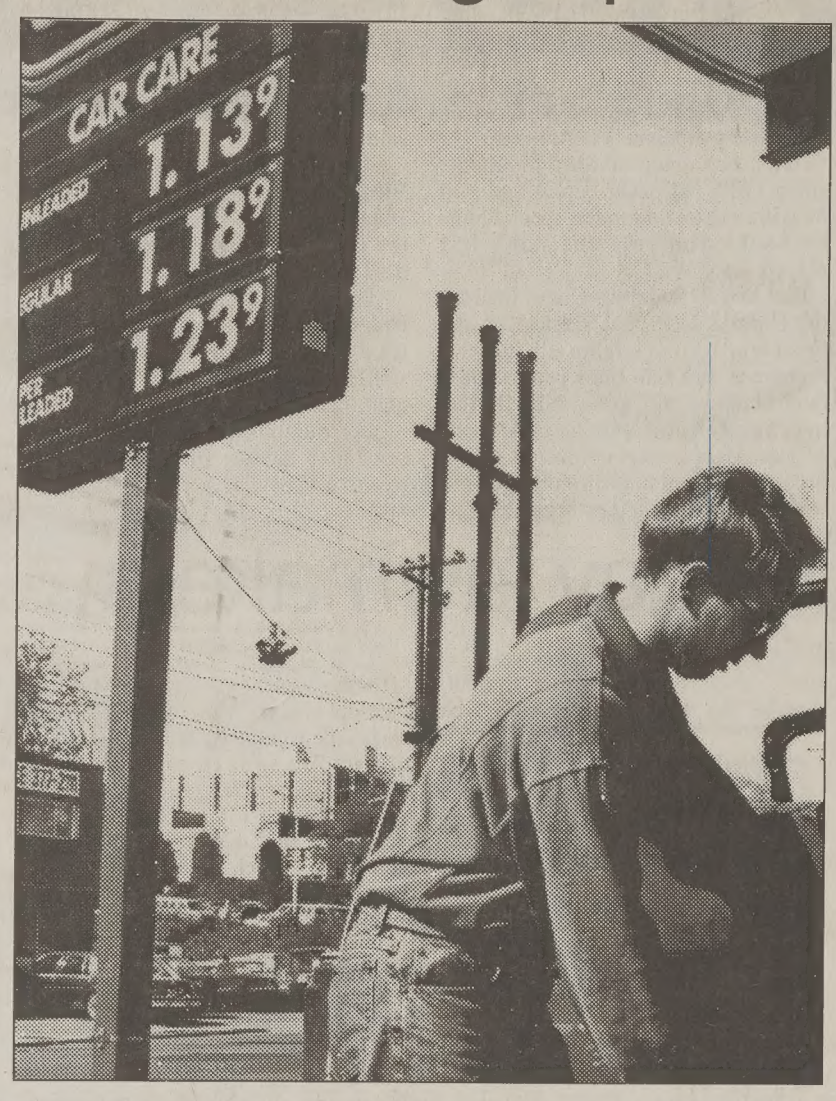
"We hear from most employers through the course of the year," he said.

One of the reasons that the Provo office is so successful is that their staff averages over 20 years experience in the community, McPherron said.

The Department of Labor also tracks the percentage of unemployment benefit recipients that obtain jobs. Utah services placed nearly 40 percent of these applicants compared to the low national average of 25 percent.

The Utah County branch office placed an average of 65 percent of applicants in jobs.

Salt Lake's gas prices rise, reason debatab



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PUMP IT UP: The Salt Lake gas market increased by eight cents a gallon last week. Industry analysts explain the jump is probably caused by gasoline retailers' need to "make up for lost ground."

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — After months of comparatively low prices, the average price for a gallon of unleaded gasoline in the Salt Lake market jumped 8 cents last week.

The state Office of Energy and Resource Planning said unleaded sold for an average of $1.17 a gallon Feb. 6, then shot up to $1.25 Feb. 13.

The wholesale price of gasoline, meanwhile, increased by only three cents.

Local industry analysts said a number of factors may be at work, but the most likely explanation is that gasoline retailers have simply decided to make up for lost ground.

"I really honestly think these retailers have not been making the money they need to make for such a long time," said Pete Peterson, Salt Lake district manager of wholesale gas and diesel sales for Flying J/Big West Oil Co. "The retailers have really been down right at costs, roughly."

Syd Horsfield, Salt Lake business manager for Amoco Oil Co., said the industry may be trying to make up for what it lost last fall when crude oil prices were 50 percent higher than the previous year.

The geography of the Salt Lake Valley may also be a factor, he said.

"When there's surplus gasoline in the valley, there's no way to get it out. There's not very much storage, so when the tanks are full you've got to pull (the price) down," he said, describing the typical scenario during the winter months. "The refineries, distributors and tions all have to get rid they have.

"There's nothing like a (now), but we don't have t of it as fast and people ca end of winter, so there's right now to make some m make up for what was l year," he said.

The price of crude oil c can't be blamed. It dropp $25 a barrel in January t barrel this month.

"The price of crude oil surprisingly flat," said To an economist for the state office. "However, there's a the (cost of) crude oil raw to the (cost of) refined mot line, so that change is not neous. Occasionally, w crude oil go down a little motor gasoline go up."

Brill said the gasoline s the Rocky Mountain reg drop slightly last week, wh could contribute to th increases.

Locations outside the meanwhile, were reporting matic fluctuations. In St. for example, unleaded is se just 2 cents more a gallon did just before Christmas. City, the price has increased since then.

Outside the state, prices v $1.22 a gallon in Rock S Wyo., to $1.57 in Yellowstone. Since Decemb gallon prices have decreased Angeles and Denver but in in Las Vegas, Boise a Francisco.

Revenues increase 1998 budget

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SALT LAKE CITY — Updated revenue estimates Tuesday added roughly $25 million to the state's coffers and gave lawmakers a little breathing room as they begin to piece together the Fiscal 1998 budget.

The updated estimates, released by the legislative fiscal analyst, include new money generated in the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, as well as projections of revenues that will be generated up to 18 months from now.

Fiscal Analyst Leo Memmott said state sales and income tax revenues continue to grow, although not at the breakneck pace seen in previous years.

The new revenues will help ease some of the pressures generated by the Republican-dominated Legislature's decision to help fund a massive highway project by cutting $30 million out of program budgets.

The reductions have left some departments feeling ill-used and have given minority Democrats fodder to criticize the Republicans for favoring "pavement over people."

However, Rep. Marty Stephens, R-Farr West, co-chair of the powerful Executive Appropriations Committee, believes some of the new revenue will be plowed back into programs.

"We have plenty of money up here," Stephens said. "The only people who are complaining are those who the Legislature has decided aren't the highest priority."

Memmott projects that revenues in the current year will increase by $11.2 million. That money is considered a "one-time" surplus that can not be spent to fund programs that extend beyond the end of FY97. Of that, officials sent $2.5 million to each chamber for priority projects.

The analyst predicted that revenues in Fiscal 1998 — the budget lawmakers are putting together now — will be $14.4 million more than previously projected. That money is considered "ongoing" revenue that can be spent on continuing programs.

In all, the FY98 General Fund and Uniform School Fund contain $3.01 billion.

Also Tuesday, the Executive Appropriations Committee allocated a little more than $14.1 million in so-called "supplemental" funds left over from FY96, which ended last June.

Stephens said Memmott's projections don't include "two or three" bills under consideration designed to generate even more money in FY98. The most noteworthy is a proposed 20-cent increase in the cigarette tax, which will raise about $15.8 million. The bill has passed the House and is pending in the Senate.

Stephens declined to elaborate on the other measures.

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